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STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2007:

Presiding	Scott Monroe
Invocation	Paul Bridges
Presentations	Mayor Ray Baker Scott Monroe
Guest of Honor	Charlotte Tidwell

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

--- Congratulations to Ms. Charlotte Tidwell, the recipient of the 65th Book of Golden Deeds.

THE 65TH ANNUAL BOOK OF GOLDEN DEEDS BANQUET:

Fort Smith, February 2, 2007 – Fort Smith resident Charlotte Tidwell was honored Friday night by the Fort Smith Noon Exchange Club as the 2006 recipient of the Book of Golden Deeds Award at a banquet at Fianna Hills Country Club. A professional nurse for more than 35 years, Mrs. Tidwell has served in both staff and management positions at Sparks Regional Medical Center and Beverly Enterprises. She was honored for her years of work as director of the Antioch District Family and Youth Services, Inc., a social service provided to the citizens of Fort Smith, regardless of church affiliation.

Sponsored by the seven Baptist churches of the Antioch District, the Family and Youth Services program is almost entirely funded by Mrs. Tidwell. It focuses on young people, families in need and senior adults. Youth development activities include Kwanzaa, counseling, tutoring, theater and community service, and qualifying students participate in the summer gifted and talented program at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. The core service to families and seniors is the food distribution program, which directly distributes over 700 boxes of food, toiletries and essential household items monthly from the Lincoln Youth Center, serving over 1600 people.

Mrs. Tidwell holds a Bachelor of Applied Sciences from the University of the Ozarks, a B.S. in Nursing from Arkansas Tech, and a Master's in Health Education from the University of Arkansas. She was Director of Nursing at Sparks for 17 years, and later Director of Health and Wellness at Beverly, before taking the leadership of the Antioch program in 2001. She has served on the boards of numerous community service organizations, including the United Way, Gateway House, Lincoln Youth Service Center, Project Compassion, Fort Smith Fights AIDS, Abilities Unlimited, Fort Smith Art Center and the UAMS Geriatric Center.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

The Golden Deeds banquet was an absolute delight, with an overflow crowd, wonderful food, and a superb choice in Charlotte Tidwell as the 65th recipient. My aim was to restore the luster and elegance of a grand Fort Smith tradition, and I believe that the move to Fianna Hills, and a lot of work, achieved that goal in style. I've received numerous compliments, and while it's true that I put in several hours on the project, as any past president can tell you, no one person can begin to pull off an event of that magnitude single-handedly. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to the members of the Board of Control, all of whom put forth great effort to see that the venue was outstanding, and that our special guests were properly received and honored. I also salute the extraordinary efforts of Mike and Barbara Helm, from nominating our recipient, to carefully arranging that she and many friends were present without revealing the secret, to inviting the glorious Ben Hughes to sing for us, to writing a thoroughly delightful introduction; please keep them in your prayers, as there is very serious illness in their family that prevented them from being present. The secret committee did everything that they were asked and more, selecting a marvelous recipient from a very strong field of candidates, and assisting with a number of important details to ensure a

successful evening. My thanks to all of you who attended; it will long be a great memory for me, and I certainly look forward to a first-class future for this valuable and distinctive celebration.

Scott

Future programs:

2/9/07 Mat Pitsch, VP Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development
2/16/07 Dr. Paul Beran, Chancellor, UAFS
2/23/07 Claude Legris, Fort Smith Tourism and Convention Bureau