

Praise God from whom all blessings flow....

WOO Newsletter

Summer 2011

“Lord keep your arm around my shoulder.”

- ◆ June 27.....5:45PM
- ◆ July 25.....5:45PM
- ◆ Aug 29.....5:45PM
- ◆ Sept 26.....5:45PM
- ◆ Oct 31....12:00noon
- ◆ Dec 8Banquet

WOOs enjoyed a visit from the recruiter

In May we were entertained and informed by Army recruiter, Sgt. 1st class, James Kruess. Being in the Marines for 8 years and the Army for more than 12 years, he was well informed about the goings on of our service men. We learned that our soldiers have guns that can shoot around corners and eye wear that allow them to see through brick walls. (I think that means there is a need to do these things!) Along with answers to many questions , Sgt. Kruess brought gifts for all of us . I think Jack and Jake broke speed record to acquire the neat Army caps that were in short supply. Wear them proud boys , and speaking of proud, we were proud of the many of our group who stood to be honored as veterans. They are why we can have the freedom we cherish today. Thank you again for your service. Some have given all. May they never be forgotten.

**Arlington
National
Cemetery**



Our sympathy goes out to Don Parks and his family in the passing of his Dad, J.C. Many of you have enjoyed his antics and wit on many of the WOO adventures. He will be greatly missed. I am thankful to have been on the St. Louis trip with him and his sweet wife Marilyn . We kept the back of the bus rolling while Don kept the front of the bus in tact. For sure Heaven will be full of laughter and joy. CP



Donnye Cook
(903) 938-1925

Homebound News

Let me introduce you

from **Diann Hester**

Today we will meet

Donnye Cook and Helen Kowite

Hello, another member of our WOO'S group is Donnye Cooke. She lives @ 1113 Airline Drive, Marshall, TX 75672 with her daughter and son-in-law and caregiver, Tabitha. Her telephone number is 903-938-1925. Donnye's birthday is December 14th.

Donnye was born in Archer City, Texas. She had 1 sister and 2 brothers.

Had wonderful church going dedicated parents. Her family moved to Oklahoma when Donnye was in high school. She got married after high school to Walter Cook, Sr. Walter joined the Air Force and they moved to Ft. Worth for four (4) years.

Donnye and Walter had 2 daughters and 1 son. She worked at Marshall National Bank here in Marshall as a teller then went to work at Thiokol Army Ammunition Plant for 32 years!

Donnye is expecting her first great granddaughter in June of 2011!

She had cancer surgery to remove a lung and then in November of 2008 had a stroke. During her rehab she lived with her daughter, Beverly and Son-in-Law, J.C. Hughes at Little Elm, TX. She was later sent to have therapy at a rehab facility until she improved enough to go back home with her daughter at Little Elm. While at the therapy facility Donnye & Beverly met Tabitha who was a "God-Send" according to Donnye. They have all moved back to Marshall in Donnye's house on Airline Drive. Donnye is doing better but has to go back to Dallas frequently to see her doctors.

Before Donnye's illness she enjoyed playing bridge and taking trips with the Extra Steps group. She has visited many foreign countries and loved traveling very much.

She enjoys going to her Sunday school class on days when she is having a good day.



Helen Kowite is another WOO I would like to introduce you to. Helen is now living at the Heritage House of Marshall @ 5915 Elysian Fields Road, Room #103, Marshall, TX 75672. Her telephone number is 903-938-5437. Helen's birthday is April 19th. She has one daughter who lives in Marshall and did have a son in California who is deceased.

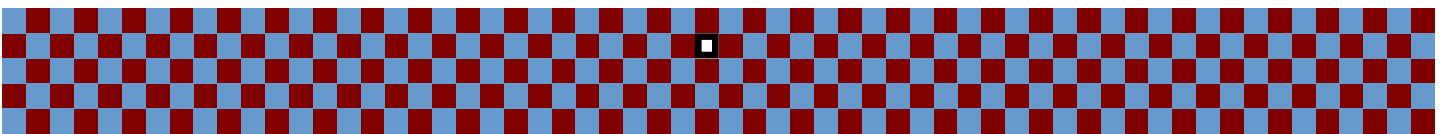
Helen was born in Marshall and completed high school in Marshall. Then she went to college at TWU in Denton, TX. Her major was Education. She taught school (all ages) in California and worked at a mission. She met her husband, John Kowite, while living in California. John went to USC and joined the Army to complete his studies. He became a personnel director and worked in the California school system.

Helen has several grandchildren and one is in the Army.

When Helen and John retired they moved to Texas. Helen said that John loved it in Texas.

They joined Central Baptist church and John was delighted when asked to help with the collections in the Sunday morning service. They made sure the grandchildren were in Sunday school and church.

Helen would appreciate cards mailed to her but not really fond of a lot of company because there is always a lot of commotion at the Heritage House. She is experiencing several health issues. DH



Savannah, Ga. is the place to be Oct. 3-10, 2011 on the WOO Fall Trip



We have some places left on the bus trip. Get your money in to the church office quickly to secure a place . Ask a friend to go and join you on a week long trip with fun and beauty. Call the church for info. Extra brochures available, and can be mailed.

We will leave on Oct. 3 and return on Oct. 10. So join us on this wonderful tour of the Deep South. This trip will include a visit to the Grand Ole Opry on their 86th Birthday . Before we leave Nashville we will attend the concert of the CenturyMen of which Don is a member. Sign-up today for this October 3-10 trip-of-a-lifetime.

From Don Parks

Many thanks to each of you for your prayers for my family in these days. J.C. Parks won his battle with congestive heart failure when God called him home on May twenty-third. I will forever be grateful for all that he taught me about living, but all that he taught me particularly in the final five months of his life about living and dying. The privilege of being at his side when he quietly slipped away, is a gift that only God could orchestrate. It was a blessing and a great comfort. I am so proud of our mother for the way in which she has amazingly cared for him for fifty-seven years and for the way she exemplified love. I am so thankful that they were able to be a part of the November trip. Little did I know then, that those precious moments that we shared on that trip, would be so valuable to me in later days. Carol Pace took the last photo of me and my dad together, at the base of the St. Louis Gateway Arch. How I cherish that photograph this day and appreciate her words in this newsletter and the inclusion of that photo. Thanks to several of you who journeyed to Arkansas for the funeral, and the time of visitation the night before. We have been overwhelmed at the outpouring of your love during this time. I am so thankful for the solid fact of your love and care for them in these twenty-four years that I have served at Central. Every time I would talk to my dad by phone, he would ask me about Jake, or Chester, or Estelle, or Bea, or Wallace and Susie, or countless others. He loved being a part of this fellowship by virtue of my being on staff. Most of all, I am thankful for a dad who loved the Lord and led us by example to do the same. My faith, my resolve, my calling, and my commitment are all strengthened because of the life of J.C. Parks. Rest, dad and make the place ready for when we get there. DP

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