

DESERT WOODCRAFTERS ASSOCIATION (DWA)

Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2025

President, Bud Bencic, opened the meeting held at the Flowing Wells High School Auto Shop, at 9:00am with 32 members, and 1 visitor.

MINUTES: Minutes for April, May & June were accepted and approved as distributed.

50/50: The total was \$70. Dianna Benson won \$35 and \$35 went to the club.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Current DWA bank balance is \$7,111.90.

BRING BACK: Frank Pickett won the Bring Back, which was a box with a pocket watch key ring inside. Frank will be responsible for bringing a Bring Back item for August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Click RAFFLE TICKETS are still available.

NEW BUSINESS:

The School District has raised the price on using the room to \$90/month. It still is a good deal. If anyone knows of a better or cheaper place, contact the President to discuss.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

DOODLE BOXES (Part of the Toy Project) – Chairman: Terry Glover (520) 290-8503

Each Doodle Box comes with a set of 4 colored, dry-erase makers)

Goal Set for 2025: (between DWA & SAZWA). 1,000

Status for 2025: TBD

* Note: We are taking a break from cutting more boxes out and concentrating on assembling what we have done. Kits are made up and ready to assemble. Contact Terry to volunteer.

TOYS – Chairman: Frank Pickett (520) 546-7646

Goal set for 2025: 3,000 (including Doodle Boxes)

Status for 2025: TBD

* Note wheels and axles are provided fro toys cards. See Frank for bags of them. Also if you don't like to paint, but like to build, we can arrange for volunteers to paint for you.

BEADS OF COURAGE - Chairman: Curt Peters (520) 240-4876

Goal set for 2025: 50

Status for 2025: 40

PURPLE HEART PENS - Chairman: Spencer Davis (520) 471-2480

Goal set for 2025: TBD

Status for 2025: TBD

* We found a new opportunity to distribute Purple Heart Pens - The Disabled American Vets (DAV). We have wood and kits. They will take whatever we can give them. We will try to make this a Club effort. What's needed? People get bored turning pens. Those who are talented should try to incentivize others to learn. Bud and Adrian will help by simplifying the process and having some parts done already, like the tubes inside the wood blanks. All people have to do is turn them on a lathe. We can have separate special after-meeting workshops to assemble them completely

PENS FOR THE TROOPS – Temporary Chairman: Bud Bencic (972) 533-8752

Goal set for 2025: 800 (between DWA and SAZWA). PE
Status for 2025 : 185 pens turned in today. 170 ready to go.

DIAPER BANK – Chairman: Jim Payne (520) 591-9876

Fundraiser Event for 2025 TBD.

NESTING SHELTERS (HOUSES) – Chairman: Spencer Davis (520) 471-2480.

Goal set for 2025: 50
Status for 2024: TBD

SHOW & TELL: \$25 Monthly Award Winner was Jeff Decker

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Next Quarterly Award will be in September.

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE FOR AUGUST: Something Special (a unique design for anything little different.

AUGUST DEMO: Pen Turning. Bring your own tools and sand paper, We will try to finish up some Pens for Troops.

TODAY's DEMO: Sharpening Cabinet Shapers

The next meeting will be held on August 2, 2025 at 9:00am at the Flowing Hills High School, Auto Shop.