

DESERT WOODCRAFTERS ASSOCIATION (DWA)

Meeting Minutes SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

President, Bud Bencic, opened the meeting held at the Flowing Wells High School Auto Shop, at 9:00am with 24 members, and 1 visitor, Brad Cheff.

MINUTES: Minutes for September were approved as distributed.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Current DWA bank balance is \$6,474.30.

BRING BACK: Jeff Goldberg won the Bring Back, which was a wooden spoon, made by Mike Phillips. Jeff will make something for the November Bring Back.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Click RAFFLE TICKETS are still available. \$25 or 5/\$100. Prizes include a new car, trips and cash. Tickets can be bought at SAZWA or DWA through Bud Bencic. Raffle takes place in December.

NEW BUSINESS:

December 15 is the day for dispensing toys to Elementary Schools. Already designated is Richardson Elementary which will start at 9:00am. More info coming prior to event.

Diaper Bank Auction got changed from Fall to Spring. Date: April 18. Need items by April 14.

Spring Spring has been tentatively set to either April 4 or May 2. The Culinary School will provide the Lunch. Instead of eating in their Cafeteria, they will bring the food to the meeting. More info coming prior to event.

AUCTION:

Saguaro Skelton - \$20

Small Lathe Chuck - \$18

Mitre Set - \$16

Wax Sticks q/taper glueing handle - \$15

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 Completed Toys must be turned in by the December Meeting, Dec. 1.

* Note wheels and axles are provided for 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: 57 Met the year goal, but will still be accepting more.

* Note: Community Project Beads of Courage containers cannot be auctioned off. They are made to give to the kids. Containers can be accepted as a separate donation from individuals, but they will not be counted as part of the Community Project total.

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

Goal set for 2025: TBD

Status for 2025: TBD

* There will be a re-opening of 2 new Military Order of Purple Heart Clubs - one in Apache Junction and one in Tucson.

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

Goal set for 2025: 1600 (between DWA and SAZWA).

Status for 2025 : 1,233 pens turned in; 36 ready to go. Cutoff is November.

* It takes 6 weeks for Woodcraft to get us another 400 pen kits. No other organizations are turning pens for Woodcraft except DWA. Classes are held at Woodcraft, but the people making the pens keep them. LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER FOR 2026 to package pens.

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

Fundraiser Event for 2025 (changed to Spring - April 18)

Status: Auction Items due by April 14.

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

Goal set for 2025: 50

Status for 2024: TBD

SHOW & TELL: \$25 Monthly Award Winner for September was Mike Phillips.

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Quarterly Award Winner for September was Ken Towers.
Next Quarterly Award will be in December.

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE FOR OCTOBER:

Bring in a toy for donation to a Community Project

* Toys, Purple Cars are popular!

TODAY's DEMO: Sharpening Circular Blades and suggestions as to "when" circular blades need to be sharpened..

DEMO FOR OCTOBER: Doodle Box Assembly.

The next meeting will be held on October 4, 2025 at 9:00am at the Flowing Hills High School, Auto Shop.