

DESERT WOODCRAFTERS ASSOCIATION (DWA)

Meeting Minutes OCTOBER 2, 2025

President, Bud Bencic, opened the meeting held at the Flowing Wells High School Auto Shop, at 9:00am with 27 members, and 1 guest, Diane Zimmerman

MINUTES: Minutes for October were unfortunately distributed. Temporary approval was given pending changes/corrections if any submitted via email to secretary.

50/50: The total was \$82. Chris Roads got \$42 and \$42 went to the club.

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

BRING BACK: Stan Ries won the Bring Back, which was a pen. Stan will be responsible to bring in a Bring Back for November.

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:

Woodcraft Swap Sale, OCT 25, 9:00am-2:00pm. Bring in things to sell.

Election of Officers for 2026:

A motion was made and passed to retain the same Officers as 2025.

Dates for Santa and Elves Toy Delivery to Schools:

Richardson Elementary, DEC 15, approximately 75 children.

Walter Douglas Elementary, DEC 18, approximately 125 kids.

SAZWA Christmas Luncheon will be catered by the Culinary Class here at the HS. Woodturner Lunch is \$25. Can pay Jim Payne.

Beads of Courage Craft Fair, FEB 7. Bring anything to sell. They also extended the use of their room if we ever needed a place to meet in the future. DWA can have a booth to demo things. Donated Beads of Courage vessels will not be for sale. If members want to make additional leads of Courage vessels to sell, they can do so, but it will not be counted as a donated item in our Community Service Project..

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.

Note: The Zimmerman's made 25 hand mirrors for the Toy Program. They were made at Xerocraft and painted by Diane.

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: 50 pen kits and blanks are available for completion.

* 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 2025: 50

Nesting Season is coming up in the Spring. See Spencer for wood if anyone wants to get a heads start on making them.

SHOW & TELL: \$25 Monthly Award Winner for October was Marie Roberts.

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Next Quarterly Award will be in December.
Note: There were 125 pens in the President's Choice this month!

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE FOR NOVEMBER: A wooden puzzle.

TODAY's DEMO: Doodle Box Assembly.

DEMO FOR NOVEMBER: Micro-Jig Setup and its in-depth use in the woodshed

The next meeting will be held on November 1, 2025 at 9:00am at the Flowing Hills High School, Auto Shop.