



Upcoming Events:

2008 General Meetings:

July 10

Let's get you started

Aug. 14

Harnessing Creativity

Sept 11

Show & Tell - contest

Oct. 9

Inventing 101

Nov. 13

Patents 101

Dec. 11

Marketing 101

Jan. 8

Business Plan 101

Feb. 12

Funding 101

Mar. 12

Manufacturing 101

Apr. 9

Success Stories

May 14

Team & Network building

Last month

We introduced three outstanding professional regional groups that help inventors become entrepreneurs. Our thanks to:

Ken M. Clark, Small Business Services Coordinator
Small Business Development & International Trade Center
<http://www.sbditc.org/>

Ron Courtois, EIR
CONNECT "Accelerating Innovation in San Diego"
<http://www.connect.org/>

Luis Vasquez, VP & LaunchPad Director
OCTANe Fueling "innovation development"
<https://www.octaneoc.org/>

Also thanks to our presenting inventor:
Brian Collins,
President of Ovation & inventor of the Earprompter
Ovation Speaker Training www.ovation.tv

Every product idea is a business opportunity.
Come meet people like you that are making their dreams reality.
Get motivated, educated and connected at the SDIF !!!



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Other Useful Links

<http://www.sbditc.org/>

<http://www.connect.org/>

<https://www.octaneoc.org/>

<http://www.mindsetresearch.com/resources.html>

<http://www.venturechoice.com/glossary>

www.google.com/patents

www.uspto.gov

www.uiausa.org

www.q-stat.com

www.a-squaredtec.com

www.ovation.tv

August's meeting topic is "Harnessing Creativity"

- When creative energy combines with capitalism new business is born.
- For our civilization's future we need solutions to live smarter and more eco-friendly.

So many opportunities await!

For our present society to thrive we need substantial business growth.

- Invention is the foundation of new business.
- Every successful new product and business helps build our economy.

Inventors can take control of their own destiny & help shape our future, *that's what I call Harnessing Creativity.*

Thursday evening we will explore these four steps for harnessing creativity:

1. Capture your idea – scribbles & sketches / crayons to computers
2. Analyze your idea – can this idea work – is it unique & can it make \$
3. Strategy for your idea – patents, prototypes, plans & presentations
4. Have fun with your idea – your enthusiasm sells & motivates

Plus methods for *enhancing creativity!* A introduction to local inventor Dr Jeffrey Thompson's "Creative Mind" audio technology.

August's Presenting Inventor - Lisa Singer / Gardens To Gro

Come hear Lisa's story from "ready-made gardens" concept to license agreement.

www.gardenstogro.com

Member News

SDIF member **Lisa Singer** signed a **license agreement** with a major manufacturer! Look for Lisa's invention **Gardens To Gro** in stores

Want to tell us your inventing story?
Want to speak as a Sponsor?
Want to present your idea to the group for feedback?
Please do! Contact us for details.

SDIF 2008 Invention Contest

6 local inventors will compete.
September 11 is the contest.
Grand prize \$1000.
Entry rules & forms at the meeting !!

What if the inventor receives suggestions from friends? Does he have to include them as inventors?
George Levy of [Patents and Ventures](#) discusses this question in this month's column ["The Inventor's Mentor"](#)

Each month we focus on a topic relevant to inventors and share knowledge and experience. We network inventors and builders, artists, designers and engineers, legal, business and marketing service providers to discuss all aspects of product development. Success breeds success! You are invited. To pre register for the next meeting contact Scott Sykora @ scott.sykora@gmail.com

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