



Upcoming Events:

2009 General Meetings:

May 14

Team & Network building

June

Spring into Springboard

July

Invention Contest

August

Harnessing Creativity

September

Patents 101

October

Marketing 101

November

Business Plan 101

December

Funding 101

Now is the time inventors,
become an entrepreneur! –
Adrian Pelkus

Last month

Thanks from all of us for telling us your success story:

Clifford Wright / San Diego Inventor & Businessman of the Year, and **CEO of Bossco International**

<https://commerce.rsaa.com/bosscos/index.cfm>

Dennis Bertken Founder of Pacific Pathway /

<http://www.lifegearcompany.com/>

Ed Salter CTO Greenward Technologies

www.greenward-technologies.com

This month

Team & Network Building is an essential element to making your ideas reality. How do you determine your own strengths and needs and build a circle that can advise and make connections to and / or provide services?

Networks & networking is how you meet the people you are looking for –remember, they are looking for you! Tips to make a memorable intro, ways to conquer fears and get started and one of the best local groups to help you - CONNECT will be covered at this month's meeting.



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www.sdinventors.org

Scott Sykora is webmaster.
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Other Useful Links

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

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

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

<http://www.excoveries.com>

<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

Has fear of networking held you back from achieving your goals such as making important contacts or obtaining the funding you need to make your invention become a reality? If so, be sure to join international speaker and **author of Stop the Fear, Gloria Boileau** at our May 14th meeting and learn 5 powerful steps to help you conquer your fears while empowering you to create an extraordinary business. www.stopthefear.net

SDIF welcomes back Ruprecht von Buttlar / CONNECT Director Commercialization & Finance Programs www.connect.org
Ruprecht will be speaking this month about CONNECT programs including Springboard. Springboard is a great way to build your team and networks while getting the best in entrepreneur training.

The **Tech Coast Angels** will be holding their **9th Annual Fast Pitch Competition** on June 9th at the UC Irvine Student Center. This is a "must attend" event for all entrepreneurs who are looking to jump-start their entrepreneurial dreams, and for investors seeking to hear about the latest in innovation in Southern California. The deadline to apply for the Fast Pitch Competition is **May 7th**. Please note that there is no charge to apply and applicants will receive coaching on their pitches. Orange County Tech Coast Angels - Please visit www.pitchtheangels.com for more information.

CONNECT is seeking qualified applicants for the upcoming **Cleantech Venture Roundtable**, showcasing cleantech entrepreneurs in the areas of energy efficiency, smart power, renewables, transportation and water management to an exclusive audience of venture capital providers. **NEW EXTENDED Deadline: Friday, May 8, 2009** Application guidelines and instructions » [View Here](#)

On May 27 at the Salk Institute, come meet **Dr. Diamandis, Chairman & CEO** of the internationally acclaimed **X PRIZE** Foundation. To attend and join the discussion at this Forum! » [Register Now](#)

SDIF in booth #439 at the Del Mar Electronics Show May 6 & 7 www.vts.com

This Wednesday May 6th & Thursday May 7th the Del Mar Electronics Show will be held at the Fair grounds.

Free Admission & Parking. SDIF will be in booth #439 to meet, register new members and give out latest news.

SDIF members are welcome to exhibit new products for free. 10am - 5pm Wednesday & 10 am - 3pm Thursday BYOT

Inventors and people with new & innovative products are invited to exhibit at the upcoming **Response Expo** in San Diego. If you are interested in getting your products on QVC or HSN, or doing a short or long-form infomercial, expanding on other avenues of DR marketing, or simply finding help with distribution, fulfillment, production etc, the Response Expo, **May 19-21, 2009 in San Diego** is the place to be. www.responseexpo.com

INVENTOR'S MENTOR: The world is in dire economic straits. Should you remain at the mercy of economic forces you cannot control or should you take matters into your own hands to achieve financial security? Find out how to invent your own golden parachute in the May's newsletter "[The Inventor's Mentor](#)" by George Levy. For archived copies of the newsletters and more information for inventors go to [Patents and Ventures](#).

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! Invite your friends. To pre register for the next meeting contact Scott Sykora @ scott.sykora@gmail.com

Adrian Pelkus, 2008- 2009 SDIF President

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