



Last meeting

SDIF attendees learned from "17 Mistakes Inventors Make" presented by Adrian Pelkus

This month – Doors open / Networking starts 6:30pm

April 8th

SDIF INVENTION CONTEST!!

Popular vote wins

Special meeting

April 29th

Roundtable with Director of the USPTO Mr. David Kappos RSVP by 4/23 asquared@cts.com

San Diego Inventors Forum Announces the Spring 2010 SDIF Invention Contest!!

The San Diego Inventor's Forum is pleased to announce the contestants for our 2010 SDIF Invention Contest. Ten entrants will present their inventions at the group's April 8th meeting with each presentation taking five minutes. The following inventions will be presented:

1. Betty A. Sellers - *Plant Monkey / Post Butler*
2. Bernie Greenspan - *Ever-Dry™ hearing aid dryer*
3. Dan Sandson - *Sandsonic Micro-Kit*
4. Greg Lauren - *Innovative Water Saving Faucet*
5. Jeff Spitzer - *Spray Smart sprinkler*
6. Jim Bonnardel - *Trailer Shuttle*
7. Kathy Elliott Magerkurth - *Tremor Table*
8. Margaret Bogdanska - *ShowerStopper*
9. Peter McConnell - *WasteBAGsket*
10. Robert E. del Sol - *System for Power Extraction and Recovery*

First Prize is \$600, Second is \$300 and 3rd is \$100. Everyone present will be asked to vote. The press is invited to attend. Popular vote wins! **SDIF members will get priority seating!!!**



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You are invited to enter the 2010 NASA "Create the Future" Design Contest, sponsored by COMSOL, PTC, and Tech Briefs Media Group. The eighth annual contest will recognize outstanding innovations in product design, awarding a Grand Prize of \$20,000 USD. Visit www.createthefuture2010.com

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All entries must be received by June 30, 2010.

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Inventors get help! Check out this outstanding professional regional group that helps inventors become entrepreneurs.
For more information contact: **Ken M. Clark, Small Business Services Coordinator** <http://www.sbditc.org/>

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Email: rvonbuttlar@connect.org **Phone:** (858) 964-1309 **Web:** <http://www.connect.org/springboard>

INVENTOR'S MENTOR: Is your invention a new method of doing business?

Have you written a software app for one of the new smart cell phones? If so you may need to know if your invention can be protected by patent law. Find out more in the April newsletter "[The Inventor's Mentor](#)".

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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

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