

South Carolina Inventors Forum

Welcome to our second Year!!



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Hellos SCIF, in this issue...

Last month **Josh Malone**, the inventor of **Bunch O Balloons** ("his solution to the 63-year-old problem of filling and sealing water balloons"), now the *number one selling summer toy* and now a full-time volunteer with the inventor advocacy organization US Inventor. ([USI](#)) was a special guest speaker along with our own local IP expert **Doug Lineberry** to talk about how patents really work for inventors. If you missed the meeting, here it is on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/Id6AGNonBn8>

This month we are welcoming legendary inventor and Founder of Instapreneur, Global authority on product distribution, animal disaster evacuation specialist and DRTV rockstar **Lindsey Brooks**. Lindsey enjoys being an entrepreneur and encouraging others with great ideas and inventions. Always looking for great products and ideas to bring to market, we look forward to hearing Lindsey talk about her past experiences with mega As Seen on TV products like the Slap Chop to how to use NFTs to secure IP!

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Warren Tuttle thanked the United Inventors Association Board and the National Hardware Show for honoring his 14 years of volunteer service and growing the largest inventor booth event in America, the United Inventors Association runs the largest inventor pavilion giving new inventors a perfect platform to show off their new invention. NHS2021 Recap https://youtu.be/nYwsGk_M84

See you on Zoom 7pm EST Wednesday November 10!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88251334966?pwd=SWVTTmhHNHZZKUXISTW9SRkE1UDB3QT09>

Massie Introduces Patent Reform Legislation Restoring "First to Invent" Protection to Inventors.

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Washington, D.C., November 5, 2021

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"The RALIA legislation restores to Americans a patent system as the Constitution of the United States originally envisioned it," said **Congressman Massie**. "In Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution, the Founding Fathers gave Congress the authority to protect the discoveries of inventors. Specifically, they created a patent system to 'promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries.' Regrettably, Congress's 2011 enactment of the Leahy-Smith 'America Invents Act' has worked in concert with several Supreme Court decisions to erode this protection's strength and value."

"As the Constitution intends, RALIA restores patent protection to inventors by awarding patents on a 'first to invent' basis rather than the more recently adopted 'first to file' standard," **Congressman Massie** continued. "A return to a 'first to invent' patent protection system ensures that inventors and the investors who back them can be confident that their innovative work and ideas will be safeguarded. Patents should protect those who innovate, not those who win the race to the patent office."

In addition to restoring patent protections to a "first to invent" standard, RALIA contains other important reforms to the patent system. Notably, RALIA affirms that a patent secures private property rights, repeals administrative post-grant reviews, abolishes the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and ends the automatic publication of patent applications unless a patent is granted.

Congressman Massie's RALIA legislation is supported by organizations including the American Business Defense Council, American Conservative Union, Americans for Limited Government/Americans for Limited Government Foundation, Conservatives for Property Rights, Eagle Forum Education & Legal Defense Fund, Let Freedom Ring, 60 Plus, the Small Business Technology Council, U.S. Business & Industry Council, U.S. Inventor, and Vote America First. In offering their endorsement of the bill, the **Eagle Forum Education & Legal Defense Fund** wrote, "a wide range of reforms, such as those contained in the Restoring America's Leadership in Innovation Act, are required if the U.S. patent system is to secure private property rights, promote progress of science and useful arts, and ensure that America remains the world's innovation leader."

Original cosponsors of RALIA include Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-TX), Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ), and Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA).

A copy of HR 5874 may be seen [here](#).

National Hardware Show was a super event for inventors!

National Hardware Show 2021 Event Recap

https://youtu.be/nYwsGk_M84



Warren Tuttle steps down as UIA president

After 14 years leading the [United Inventors Association](#), Warren Tuttle has passed the torch to [Carmine Denisco](#), who is deeply committed to sustaining UIA's non-profit inventor education and advocacy mission. Warren will remain on the UIA Board this year to help with the transition and is "sincerely grateful for the opportunity to serve the inventor community." Warren's book "The Honest Guide to Profitable Inventing" is one of the best reads out there on the subject:

<http://www.inventorconfidential.com>

At the NHS Warren was presented a plaque from the United Inventors Association Board and the National Hardware Show for honoring his many years of volunteer service.



SCIF begins advertising with 44 publishers

Working to build community awareness we are beginning to run Event ads! Please share as we grow the SCIF to assist local inventors in leveraging their intellectual property and becoming more entrepreneurial! Here are just a few...

https://www.abccolumbia.com/local-events/?ev_id=934032 south carolina inventors forum next zoom meeting wednesday november 10th at 7pm

https://www.coladaily.com/local-events/?ev_category_id=2

US Inventor Inc., a 501(c)(4) non-profit corporation, advocates on behalf of inventors with lawmakers and others to pass legislation protecting inventor rights and strengthening the patent system.

"Legislation that created a Decade of Stolen Dreams

Signed into law on September 16, 2011, the American Invents Act ([AIA](#)) created the Patent Trial and Appeal Board ([PTAB](#)) which is the worst event in U.S. patent history. The PTAB has [invalidated \(revoked\) 84%](#) of the 3,000+ patents they have reviewed, ruining the lives of countless inventors and shutting down numerous start-ups, in favor of Big Tech and multinational corporations.

Marking the tenth year since its inception, inventors and their supporters shined a spotlight on the AIA and PTAB travesty that has all but ruined American innovation and has transferred untold economic benefits from the rightful independent inventors and innovative small businesses and startups to Big Tech and multinational corporations, including those controlled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

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Join us by signing the [Inventor Rights Resolution](#)."



<https://vimeo.com/640509179>

Tell your story! Show people that you have the winning solution to a people problem that needs be solved now!

It is a privilege to be associating with 1 Million Cups and I suggest all UIA-CIO clubs follow suit and make friends with their local group to help their members share their dreams and connect.

ABOUT 1 MILLION CUPS

Based on the notion that entrepreneurs discover solutions and engage with their communities over a million cups of coffee, the **Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation** developed 1 Million Cups in 2012—a free program designed to educate, engage and inspire entrepreneurs around the country. Through the power of volunteers, **1 Million Cups has grown to more than 160 communities.**

As a program of the Kauffman Foundation, 1 Million Cups works with entrepreneurs, empowering them with the tools and resources to break down barriers that stand in the way of starting and growing their businesses. Mr. Kauffman believed it was a fundamental right for anyone who had a big idea to be able to bring it to life—and we're here to fulfill that mission.

ABOUT THE KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION

Founded by Ewing Marion Kauffman, the Foundation is driven to provide uncommon ways to create opportunities and connect people to the tools they need to achieve success, change their futures and give back to their communities. **We believe that if you have an idea, you have a fundamental right to start a business to make it a reality.**

We also believe that opportunity lies in the fields of education and entrepreneurship.

GoFundMe update

Thinking about creating a campaign for finding funds to test your ideas pre company launch? GoFundMe is a way!

This can assist many struggling inventors & innovators to get started.

These funds allow you to search, file IP & build prototypes to show for raising capital to launch or license.

Go Fund Me has provided a Guide (photo below) and videos:

We have a handful of videos ranging from fundraising story tips and tricks, to how to share your fundraiser, and even stories from other successful organizers. You can see all the videos by [clicking here](#). I would also recommend the below videos as a good jumping off point for your needs:

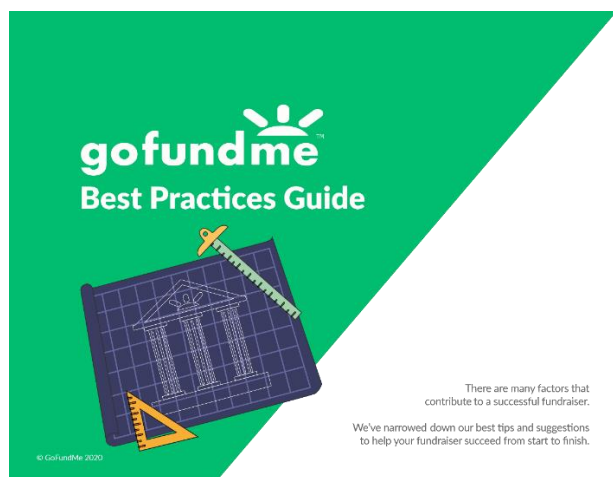
[How to Create a GoFundMe](#)

[How to Write a Compelling Story](#)

[How GoFundMe Works](#)

[How to Withdraw Funds](#)

Our alliance with GoFundMe will be awesome for American inventors and innovators just getting started! Its exciting to see how excited they are about this new alliance 😊



Please contact me or **any local UIA-CIO org leader** for your free .pdf copy of the **GoFundMe Best Practices Guide!** admin@southcarolinainventorsforum.org

😊 Our national network of nonprofit clubs will truly be “*Helping folk create new businesses from their concept to commercialization.*”



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SBA is here to help inventors and innovators start business

For those inventors that get enough initial positive feedback on their idea to then decide to start a business, we are delighted to show and share how SBA can assist them in taking their ideas to that next level.

I am thrilled to introduce our new friend [Valerie Torstenson](#), Outreach and Marketing Specialist, South Carolina District Office of the **U.S. Small Business Administration** has helped SCIF sign a Strategic Alliance Memorandum (SAM) that connects us to the SBA for assistance in getting

loans for startups. Valerie will participate in our group meetings and share news, instructions and opportunities from the SBA.

We were delighted Valerie spoke to the UIA-CIO inaugural meeting to announce our new alliance! After the event Valerie commented: **Thank you for affording me the opportunity to sit in! You are wonderful!!!!!!**

Introducing SCIF and the UIA to the rest of SBA today via our internal newsletter.

Ms. Torstenson will supply contact information for the correct SBA Outreach and Marketing Specialist for each of the other nonprofit UIA-CIO members.



SBIR grants non-dilutive funds to startups

Some of you are working on ideas in areas supported by the government. As our friends at the SBA will point out "SBIR and STTR **programs** fund a diverse portfolio of startups and **small businesses** across technology areas and markets to stimulate technological **innovation**".

The non-dilutive funds are available from all Departments of the government that write solicitations annually. (Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury, and Veterans Affairs)

I met with Rupak Doshi, Ph.D. CEO OmniSync Incorporated thru Launch Factory as an Advisor. OmniSync has a promotion that I think you will be interested in – it's a great opportunity for startups interested in non-dilutive funding. There is no upfront cost and very little work required - they provide the grant writer as part of the deal.

Hi Adrian,

Pleased to meet you and always very happy to assist a Launch Factory advisor in any way we can. Below are some follow-up actions from our discussion.

For your entity to apply for grants – here is the link to sign up for our base tier from which we can begin to assist with proposal preparation for your grant applications -
https://app.turbosbir.com/signin?priceId=price_1HjNhqG7hvvmgHG3W4vc6Cuc

TurboSBIR is a 'TurboTax'-style software solution that streamlines the process of finding and applying for govt. grants and contracts agency-wide, through team-collaboration and management tools. The software provides a comprehensive funding opportunity search engine, step-by-step application workflows, education guides, templates, and samples, including 1-on-1 consultations, as well as PhD-level grant writers to help share the proposal preparation responsibilities. We offer various pricing models, from DIY to premium support packages. We have the right solution for every kind of health and tech startup. We encourage you to create a free (no credit card needed) account on www.TurboSBIR.com to explore our

AI/ML-powered funding opportunity search tool. To-date, TurboSBIR has helped >200 companies prepare proposals, and raise >\$5M in completely non-dilutive (debt-free and equity-free) funding, with startups getting single grants/contracts ranging from \$50K (minimum) to \$1.5M (maximum). If you have any doubts about whether we know what we're talking about, see [here](#) and [here](#). Our investor pool includes people like Jeff Bezos, the first employee of Facebook, the US-French ambassador and many more high-profile groups. We're also routinely involved in creating collaborative opportunities between technical entrepreneurs and businesses seeking technical expertise, and in assisting entrepreneurs in all things to do with business creation and operations.

1. Promo code for 20% off for any folks who want to sign up for our support - **SCIFOMNI202120OFF**
2. Happy to do a webinar for your community and/or for the national consortium. Let me know some possible dates/times and we can pencil it in.

Let me know if I can help with anything else in the meantime.

TurboSBIR cuts through government bureaucracy to create a winning SBIR proposal with easy-to-use software and PhD-level guidance!

Thanks to Dr. Thaddeus Jones!



[Dr. Thaddeus Jones](#)

Thanks to Dr. Thaddeus Jones for getting our zoom meeting videos on our SCIF YouTube page!

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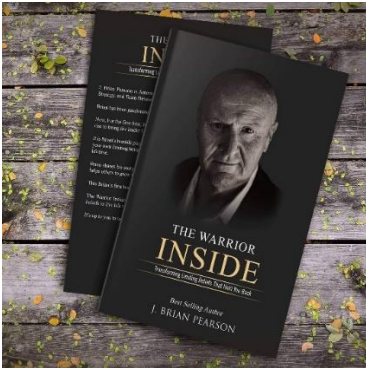


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We want to motivate you in many ways!

Our friend **Brian Pearson**, author of **The Warrior Inside**: Transforming Limiting Beliefs That Hold You Back, is a Business Strategist, Executive Coach, Speaker and Trainer.



Brian is an **Executive Director with the John Maxwell Team** and is graciously providing us his **Motivational Moment with Brian** to begin our meetings. Thank you, Brian!

A ship anchored in a safe harbor is not doing what it's made to do. Ships are made to sail.

Choose to be the sail in people's lives...not an anchor.

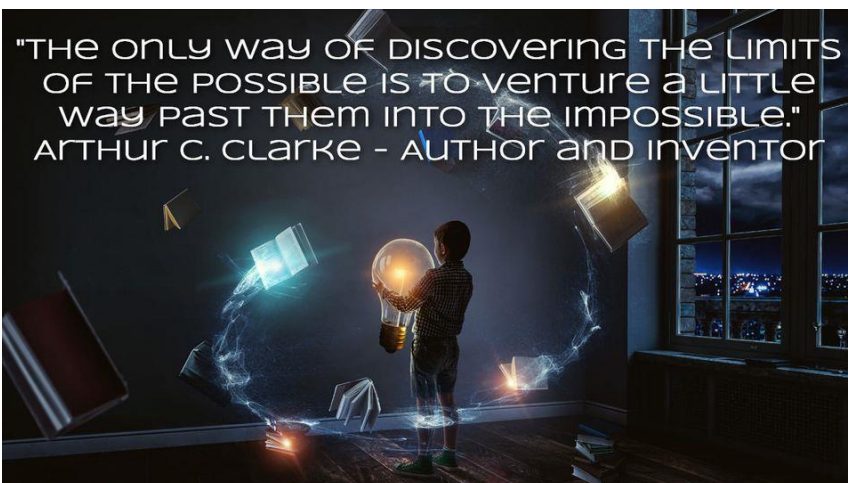
Happy purple Thursday! Let's get motivated

Brian Pearson

I love ship analogies! Mainly because it helps explain what I do,, I help design the custom ship, build it in a safe harbor, gather the crew, acquire the provisions, chart the course, sometimes captain the launch or just help run the ship!!

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...just a thought



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SCIF has a Gold Sponsor!

We are honored to announce the City of Columbia has become our first Gold Sponsor! This contribution is appreciated beyond its monetary amount in that it represents the great connection we have made and how the city supports our Vision statement: *SCIF will contribute to South Carolina becoming known as an Innovation Hub here in the southeast. Economic development in the South Carolina region depends heavily on entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship depends heavily on creativity and invention. By assisting inventors in leveraging their intellectual property and becoming more entrepreneurial, SCIF will play an important role in furthering South Carolina's reputation as supporting startups, general creativity, launching quality businesses and creating good paying jobs. SCIF will become a recognized valued partner in South Carolina's economic re-development.*

We thank **Sergio Aparicio**, the city of Columbia Economic Business Development Manager, for his efforts to help us talk to the right people, fill out the correct forms and persist to receive this sponsorship, thanks Sergio!

And thanks to **Ryan Coleman**, Director of Columbia Economic Development for agreeing that establishing more business is sustainable by encouraging inventors and innovators to become entrepreneurs.

Thanks again to the **City of Columbia** for setting an example how cities across America can support vets, minorities, really all of us striving to build better lives and live our dreams.

Maker Camp is back!

Maker Camp is a free program full of projects, adventures, inspiration, and community. We are looking for Maker Camp Community Partners. That means you! Anyone can register: schools, libraries, clubs, or pods that are ready for a summer of making. The versatile framework is customizable for in-person, hybrid, or remote camps.

Maker Camp 2021 launched July 6, 2021 with rich project resources and a great line up of featured makers including Mario the Maker Magician and Code Joy. *More information about our Featured Makers, project resources, and materials coming soon.*

Membership Supports:

Maker Camp

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Connecting People and Projects That Shape Our Future



<https://makercamp.com/>

SCIF involves you! Have questions, here is where to get answers!

Thinking of any new products or services that may help in some way, shape or form make life easier? We share new ideas and motivating concepts almost daily on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/448388996120060/>

Help for inventors and innovators, creators all!

Tell your creative friends and invite them to join our group!

We discuss the most important things needed to bring ideas to life and create wealth.

Join our group and come to our meetings to learn about inventing, innovating and the process of bringing new products to market. Meet with others and find friends, mentors and advisors.

Prepare your questions about inventing and ask local experts at Wednesday's Zoom meeting.

Prepare for launching your venture.

Mark your calendar for South Carolina Inventors Forum monthly meetings!

Monthly meeting format allows interactions and Q & A:

- Network
- Welcome & Thanks
- Motivational Moment with Brian Pearson
- What's new? Stories and new products shared by inventors
- Subject of the Month Presenter / Speaker
- Resources and New Opportunities
- Q&A
- Who Needs Who?
- Thanks & network

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Help!! We need a backup admin for the website!!!!

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Supporting our vision to help people make new things, provide new services, build new businesses and create new jobs!

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Gold - \$1000- Speaker of the Month, post in newsletter, website and monthly agenda

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Bronze -\$100 - post in newsletter & website

SCIF welcomes stories about and by local inventors! We are calling for volunteers to help gather and write stories or folks to send theirs. Contact Adrian if you're interested.

Send us yours or Become an "Inventor of the Month"!

Time onstage (~10-30 minutes) to pitch your product and get feedback.

Help motivate other inventors, come tell your story!

[Contact Adrian if you're interested.](#)

We thank you for your support!

Non Profit Resources for Inventors

United Inventors Association is an Inventor Industry national membership foundation dedicated to inventor education and support of which we are proud to be a member.



[Learn more...](#)

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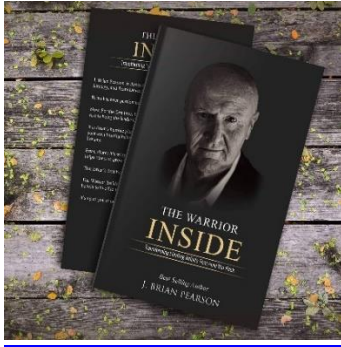


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Have an inventive day!

Adrian

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