

# Inventors Society of South Florida

## Inventare Maximus

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### Happy New Year!

The ISSF is only as good as its membership contributions, in dollars and personal participation. We look forward to receiving your annual dues by December 31st to help us plan events for the coming year. Send your payment to: Inventors Society of South Florida, PO Box 244306, Boynton Beach, FL 33424-4306.

Also, we look forward to members assisting with planning and events to keep us effective for all inventors. Please notify us of your ideas to improve the ways we support inventors. We appreciate help identifying interesting and relevant speakers, providing meaningful content to our web site and newsletters, and most of all, remaining a positive motivator for the members. Your expertise, ideas and experiences with the invention process need to be shared. Please offer articles, comments and your time to the organization so we can continue to enjoy top ranking as an inventor's organization. ❖

### Featured Member: Jose Gutman

**Jose Gutman** is experienced in patents, trademarks, and in business strategy matters for technology products. Jose worked in the I.P. department of a major South Florida law firm. Earlier he was Licensing Program Manager at Motorola, a member of Motorola's I.P. Department and a Senior Staff Engineer at Motorola for hardware and software design of wireless communications technologies. He represents clients in technology licensing, business strategy, and Internet-based transactions. Jose earned his Law Degree, Cum Laude, at the University of Miami School of Law, an M.S. Degree in Electrical Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology, a B.S. Degree in Computer Science and Mathematics and a B.S. Degree in Marketing and Business Administration at Florida State University.

He is a Registered Patent Attorney licensed to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and is admitted to practice before the Florida Bar. Jose is a past President of the Patent Law Association of South Florida and is a member of numerous I.P. organizations. He is an inventor on twelve US patents covering various technologies. You can find Jose online at Fleit, Kain, Gibbons, Gutman, Bongini, and Bianco, P.L. ([www.focusonip.com](http://www.focusonip.com)). ❖

### Pro-Se Inventor Handles Part of Patent Prosecution.

There is a patent infringement case involving ice cream scoops with a hollow cavity in the handle and scoop to be filled with (warm) water, to make it easier to scoop ice cream. **Lois Virkler** filed a pro-se patent application, and was issued US Patent 5,837,296 after one office action, in which she explained how her invention differed from the prior art (prior patents had handles with circumferences not big enough to fit over a faucet).

Virkler got the patent, and more to her credit, signed a licensing deal with a manufacturer, Herbert Enterprises Inc. (HEI), with decent royalties (minimum of \$1,000 the first year, \$5,000 the second year, and \$10,000 the third year). HEI complied for awhile, but then came out with a competing product.

Virkler sued and HEI filed a motion for summary judgment of non-infringement. The judge ruled that there is no literal infringement (the manufacturer's scoop section is partially hollow, while her patent's scoop section is totally hollow), but the judge also observed that she stated in her specification that she was claiming related devices that could be designed

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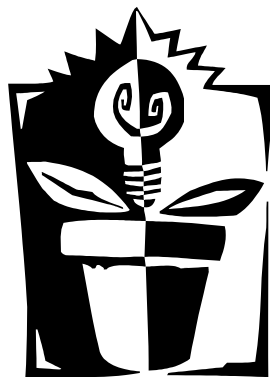
**Neil Rosenblum**

*Concept to  
Production –  
Design,  
Engineering and  
Rapid Prototyping*

January 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm

**Mission Statement**

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by one skilled-in-the-art, which the manufacturer's design could so be, a matter of fact left for the jury to decide. So the judge ordered this aspect of infringement to go forth to trial. The judge cited her specification language:

[a] skilled artisan will be able to produce the intended invention with the most efficient dimensions of any of the embodiments contained within this description such as the bowl shaped scoop section, handle and removable cap.

Her patent has one claim. To experienced patent prosecutors, there is slightly better language that could have been used to broaden the scope coverage (e.g., "at least half of the scoop section is hollow") making infringement easier to prove. Still, she survived a motion of summary judgment of non-infringement for her pro-se patent, which is evidence that pro-se applicants can succeed. She did, however, hire a lawyer to handle litigation.

**Catalog Sales for Your Product**

There are plenty of benefits to having your products sold in catalogs. But, be wary! There are pitfalls as well in this sales/distribution channel:

- Giving away the farm
- Being stung by mistakes
- Falling behind with orders
- Products that boomerang
- Placing your eggs in one basket
- Doing business with deadbeats.

Jim Tilberry is President of Tilberry Direct Marketing. His business specializes in helping inventors and small companies sell their consumer products through mail order catalogs. For more information visit [www.catalogrep.com](http://www.catalogrep.com), email [tilberrydm@aol.com](mailto:tilberrydm@aol.com) or call 800-413-0679.

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For those who do not subscribe to magazines, you can still read the free articles in the monthly *Inventors' Digest* at [www.inventorsdigest.com](http://www.inventorsdigest.com). This is a great resource for any stage of the invent-to-market process. Just take a look at the free articles offered by *Inventors' Digest*:

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- *Psssst! What manufacturers are REALLY looking for!* (The secrets revealed: Do you have what the manufacturers want?)
- *Less Can Be More* (Creating a nice little business in a small market.)
- *Knockoffs* (It's up to patent holders and trademark and copyright holders to police their intellectual property.)
- *Patent and Trademark Depository Libraries* (Your local connection to patent and trademark information)
- *Inventors and the IRS: What You Need to Know* (Accountant Vaughn Goerl answers the questions all inventors should ask.)
- *Prototyping: The Big Picture*
- *First Impressions* (The way you introduce yourself--and your invention--could either open or close the door to your future success.)
- *Infomercials* (An enormous benefit of Direct Response TV marketing is the ability to create quick sales.)
- *The Top Ten Reasons Inventors Succeed*
- *The Top Ten Reasons Inventors Fail* ❖

## Practical Guide to Managing IP

While there is an increase in the recognition of strategic importance of intellectual property (IP) assets, companies still do not adequately manage these valuable assets. In this article Ian Cockburn, highlights the importance of having an IP management strategy. The article also identifies ten steps that need to be taken that would bring a company's IP from the backroom to the boardroom. Find the article at [www.wipo.int/sme/en/documents/managing\\_ip.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/sme/en/documents/managing_ip.pdf). ❖

## Mom Inventors, Inc.

It is the mission of Mom Inventors, Inc. to develop, manufacture, and sell quality Mom Invented™ products throughout the United States and Europe; to help inventors take their products from concept to market by providing a highly informative, interactive community-based website and producing the best educational inventing products on the market; and to highlight and publicize the historical and present-day inventive contributions of moms by both licensing products invented by moms and publicly crediting them for their inventions.

They provide educational materials including their free *Quick Start Guide* document, inventing tips, their 5-CD Product Development Blueprint course, and the recently published Mom Inventors Handbook: *How To Turn Your Great Idea Into The Next Big Thing*.

They feature a mom of the month on their website. Recently, they interviewed the Gal-Pal founders to learn more about how they "really" brought their product to market. They discuss marketability, finding a manufacturer, marketing the product and more. Visit [www.mominventors.com](http://www.mominventors.com) and submit your story for Featured Mom of the Month. ❖

## SCORE Newsletter

Veteran marketing executive and SCORE counselor **Jim Pyles** offers some thoughts on marketing plans for small businesses. In the December newsletter for SCORE, Mr. Pyles discusses why a marketing plan is important for a small business and how it ties in with a business plan. He talks about the elements of a good market plan and defining your business goals. Sure you want to make a million bucks, but you need a plan to achieve that goal. Get on board with SCORE. Visit [www.score.org](http://www.score.org) to request your free newsletter today! Contact your local chapter to arrange a consultation with business experts or pick up informative brochures. ❖

## Inventor Worked on Ideal Bread Crumb Size

**Ruth Siems** grew up in Evansville, IN and graduated from Purdue University in 1953 with a home economics degree. She began her career researching flour and angel food cake mixes. As a member of the research and development staff for General Foods, she helped find the ideal bread crumb size for making instant stuffing with the same texture as the real thing. She was listed among the first four inventors when the patent was awarded in 1975 for the quick and easy way of making stuffing without actually stuffing a turkey. Kraft Foods, which now owns the Stove Top brand, sells about 60 million boxes each year around Thanksgiving. The five-minute stuffing comes in several flavors including turkey, chicken and beef. Ruth Siems retired in 1985 and, sadly, passed away November 13, 2005. ❖

### Membership

The Inventors Society of South Florida (ISSF) membership application form is available online at [www.inventorssociety.net/appform.pdf](http://www.inventorssociety.net/appform.pdf). Annual individual membership dues are \$60.

Members are entitled to all that is offered by the ISSF: events, meetings, contests, prizes, awards, nominations, and networking. Members also benefit from a monthly newsletter full of important information, tips, publications, Internet sites and expositions.

Membership is the primary source of funds to the ISSF, without which, it is difficult if not impossible to hold meetings, send newsletters, hold special events, and maintain an Internet presence. ❖

### Newsletter Submissions

If you have something you'd like to see in the newsletter, please discuss with or send it to [issf\\_cathy@yahoo.com](mailto:issf_cathy@yahoo.com). If it is something that has to be copied, please send the original or a high quality copy. If you need the original document returned, please note this in the submission package.

Please remember that the newsletter is black print only. Submissions that have color (especially over text, i.e. words in a colored box) may not be usable. Try to keep submissions simple and basic. ❖

### JPMA Competition

The Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association's (JPMA) Student Design Competition encourages design students to develop new and innovative products for the pre-natal to pre-school industry. The design could win national recognition as well as help get a foot in the door toward a wonderful career. Learn more at [www.jpma.org/industry/05StudentDesign/index.htm](http://www.jpma.org/industry/05StudentDesign/index.htm). ❖

## ISSF Meetings

ISSF meets at 1:30 pm on the **first** Saturday of each month at:

**Ligi Tool & Engineering, Inc.**  
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## President's Corner

To begin, I would like to thank each of the Officers, Directors, and Members of the Inventors Society of South Florida for their support and encouragement over the past few years. It has been a pleasure to serve as one of your Officers, and I regret that due to other commitments, I am unable to continue that role in 2006. That said, I plan to attend our meetings as often as possible, and look forward to sharing in the growth and success of the Society and its Members.

I am very pleased that the final meeting of my tenure was well attended, and that the presentation by Registered Patent Attorney **Patricia McQueeney**, regarding *First to Invent vs. First to File*, sparked an invigorating question and answer session which, I believe, resulted in wealth of information sharing amongst all present. If you are not attending the Inventors Society meetings, you are truly missing out on an important privilege of your Membership!

Finally, I want to welcome our new "returning" President **Richard Loughlin**, and our new Vice-President **Howard Silken**. I hope to assist them as much as possible as they move the ISSF forward into the next year and beyond, and hope that you will all support them as well. And of course, I want to thank **Lucy Petterson**, Treasurer, and **Joanna Zaremba**, Secretary, and **Alvin Blum**, Director, for continuing to provide their invaluable assistance and experience to the Inventors Society of South Florida.

Happy Holidays, and A Wonderful 2006 to All...

*John Fulton, Jr.*

## Win Professional Office Space

Offices2Share.com has launched a nationwide contest offering 12 months of free rent in real office space. Offices2Share.com focuses exclusively on short-term, ready-to-use office space, and is inviting entrants to submit their "Top 10 Reasons" for wanting to move out of their home office. Send the wittiest reasons why you deserve a real office, and you may win professional office space in any of the hundreds of cities across the U.S. served by Offices2Share.com. **Deadline: February 28, 2006.** Visit [www.Offices2Share.com](http://www.Offices2Share.com) to enter the contest. ❖

## Patent Infringement

Patent infringement is big news, and while the stories that make headlines feature battles between corporate Goliaths, many independent inventors and small businesses are victimized by patent rights' theft. We've learned of a law firm that has a network of affiliate law firms that can help if you think your patent has been infringed. Contact the Law Offices of **James Sokolove**. Tell them you learned about them from *Inventors' Digest*, and you will receive a free consultation to evaluate your potential case. If they accept your case, you will only pay attorney fees when you win the case. Call 1-800-499-4550 and remember to tell them *Inventors' Digest* sent you so you can get a free consultation. ❖

*Happy Holidays!*

## News From Cathy's Desk

The December speaker, **Patricia McQueeney**, Patent Attorney for Brinkley, McNerney, Morgan, Solomon & Tatum, LLP in Fort Lauderdale impressed listeners with her discussion of proposed legislation to change the U.S. from a "first to invent" patent system to a "first to file" patent system.

One ISSF member commented, "I've been to 5 regional inventor's conferences and heard many brilliant people speak. **Patricia McQueeney** was as brilliant as any of them - if not ALL of them put together. Her list of past accomplishments that Mr. Fulton read before her talk was impressive, but nothing compared to the brilliance she brought to the talk."

I want to remind the membership that inventing is a dynamic process. Marketing methods change, as do advertising, customer needs, and patent law. It behooves you to attend the monthly meeting to gain insight from speakers such as Ms. McQueeney. Perhaps their expertise does not apply to your current inventing activities, but you will network with others who may have a need for that information. You may find in six months that the information of Ms. McQueeney is important for your own efforts. Or, you may simply benefit from having met someone at the meeting. The point is that attending ISSF meetings provides opportunity.

The speaker on January 3<sup>rd</sup> will be **Neal Rosenblum**, an accomplished mechanical design engineer with over 16 years of experience in design and engineering for a wide range of products. He is skilled in 3D modeling on UniGraphics and the art of developing an idea from concept through production. Through his company, he provides proof-of-concept prototypes to customers.

While Mr. Rosenblum's product experience may not include your area of inventing, the process of developing an invention is the same. You will find gems of information in his presentation. Please mark your calendar to attend the next ISSF meeting, and bring an inventive friend! ❖

## Sample Marketing Plans Available

Did you know that **www.Mplans.com** has over 20 free sample marketing plans available online for you to view right now? One of the most popular plans is the Soapy Rides Car Wash marketing plan. This is a complete marketing plan with everything from a detailed marketing strategy to financials. For a list of all marketing plans available, visit the sample plans page on **www.Mplans.com**. ❖

## Australia's Gold Coast New Inventors Competition

If you travel plans include Australia, don't miss this event. The Gold Coast City Council is searching to unveil their City's most fascinating inventions. Everything from designs and processes through to working inventions and products are eligible. The competition is part of the exciting Gold Coast Innovation Festival (26th April-14th May 2006) and offers residents, students and businesses of Gold Coast City the opportunity to highlight their intellectual talent and ambition.

For more information, contact Council's Economic Development Branch at 5582 8904 or email [jdonkin@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:jdonkin@goldcoast.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.innovationfestival.com.au](http://www.innovationfestival.com.au). ❖

*Happy New Year!*

### Product Packaging

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### Outsourcing Fulfillment

Learn the advantages of outsourcing fulfillment for e-commerce orders and what should retailers keep in mind when selecting a partner. Visit [www.retailindustry.about.com/library/weekly/aa000711a.htm](http://www.retailindustry.about.com/library/weekly/aa000711a.htm). ❖

### Tips for Outsourcing

**Keith R. Crosley** offers the *Top 10 Tips for Outsourcing Success* at <http://entrepreneurs.about.com>. One strategy that can help you save time, money and frustration as you start and build your business is to outsource as much work as possible to skilled, but cost-effective, external service providers. ❖

### Pop-Up Poultry Timer

Determined to make turkeys as easy to cook as a TV dinner, Tony Volk was a pioneer of the pop-up poultry timer. Read *A Turkey Innovator's Tale of Victory, Grief* at [www.startupjournal.com](http://www.startupjournal.com). Use the search feature on the website to find the article by title or author. ❖

**Invention Marketing**

If you have worked with an invention marketing company that you think hasn't performed as it said it would, file a formal complaint with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. There is no cost to file this complaint.

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**Federal Legislation**

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- Proposed changes to US patent law
- What's wrong with H.R. 2795
- Members of US Congress You should contact
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- CBS News Reports: Small Time Inventors Take on Congress
- Why One Inventor Opposes H.R. 2795. ❖

**Tesla: A Great American**

Serbian-born American physicist, electrical engineer and inventor **Nikola Tesla** was a pioneer in conducting alternating current electricity, the type that power companies supply to homes today. Much of his time in America was spent with American industrialist George Westinghouse, who bought and successfully developed Tesla's patents. **Nicola Tesla** is among the 100 greatest Americans on Discovery Channel. Visit [www.teslasociety.com](http://www.teslasociety.com) to learn more about him. ❖

**2006 JPMA Tradeshow**

Juvenile Product Manufacturer's Association tradeshow happens May 8-10, 2006 at the Orange County Convention Center. Learn more at [www.jpma.org](http://www.jpma.org). ❖

**American Inventor**

*AMERICAN INVENTOR* is an exciting new primetime reality show for ABC from **Simon Cowell** and the producers of *American Idol*. Set to premiere in early 2006, the show will undertake the biggest search ever for America's best new invention. Visit <http://abc.go.com/primetime/americaninventor> to learn more. ❖

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The value of a patent may significantly be enhanced if the "claims" part of the patent document is well drafted and is in line with the company's business strategy. It is important, therefore, for patent applicants to understand the strategic importance of this part of a patent document to be able to discuss the drafting of a patent application with her/his patent attorney. Find this article at [www.wipo.int/sme/en/documents/pdf/drafting\\_patent\\_claims.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/sme/en/documents/pdf/drafting_patent_claims.pdf). ❖

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## IRS Mileage Rates

The rate will be 44.5 cents a mile in 2006 for business use of your vehicle, including cars, vans and pickups. The rate was 40.5 cents a mile for the first eight months of 2005 and 48.5 cents a mile for the last four months of 2005. The IRS calls this the "optional business standard mileage rate" since you can use it instead of tracking your actual costs.

The standard optional rate will be 18 cents a mile next year for miles driven for medical or moving purposes, 14 cents for miles driven to serve charitable organizations, and 32 cents a mile for miles driven to help charities offering Katrina relief. For more information, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and look under "Newsroom" for IRS news release 2005-138 and Revenue Procedure 2005-78. ❖

## A Cautionary Tale

Visit [www.spectrum.ieee.org](http://www.spectrum.ieee.org) and search for *Down and Out in Ham Lake* written by **Harry Goldstein**. It is a story about an inventor who surrendered his patents in return for funding. **Corliss Orville Burandt's** patent was for a method called variable valve timing, which controls how long the fuel and air intake valves on an engine's combustion cylinders stay open, changing the rate of combustion according to engine speed & load.

Investment Rarities Inc. of Minneapolis, which had initially provided funds to develop Burandt's inventions, failed to pay the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office approximately US \$40 000 in maintenance fees that were due on the 12 patents that Burandt had assigned to the company in exchange for funding. So, all 12 patents had expired and entered the public domain. His dream was to have car engines communicate with satellites that would calibrate the engine to operate at optimum efficiency depending on where you were driving.

Inventors must remember when dealing with development partners is, not to assign the patent, but to give the partners a license. ❖

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Funded by the European Commission and established to help bringing music into the interactive multimedia era. The MUSICNETWORK is a Centre of Excellence to bring the music content providers, cultural institutions, industry, and research institutions together. The MUSICNETWORK draws on the assets and mutual interests of these actors to exploit the potentials of multimedia music content with the new technologies, tools, products, formats and models. Visit them at [www.interactivemusicnetwork.org](http://www.interactivemusicnetwork.org). ❖

### Coinvention Article

Some invention promoters, agents, and product developers are asking for a piece of inventions, sometimes just joint ownership, and less often to be named coinventors which may have devastating results. Learn more in **Ronald J. Riley's** article at [www.inventored.org/coinvention](http://www.inventored.org/coinvention). ❖

### Edit.com

A new online service from [www.Edit.com](http://www.Edit.com) gives business owners the control they are looking for. The service includes "Do-It-Yourself Editing" so businesses can make most site updates quickly and easily themselves and "Custom Work Services" for reliable advice and expert execution on advanced updates. Edit.com takes the guesswork out of website maintenance and empowers business owners. ❖

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presents

**Neil Rosenblum**

*Concept to  
Production –  
Design,  
Engineering and  
Rapid Prototyping*

January 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm

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## **Washington Watch**

A recent issue of the *Inventors' Digest* offered an opposing opinion to H.R. 2795 from the Professional Inventors Alliance (PIA) which identified the most damaging provisions:

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- Prior User Rights
- Assignee Filing
- Limiting Continuing Applications
- Third Party Participation in pre-grant reviews
- Limiting Injunctive Relief
- Eliminating Best Mode
- Limitation of Inequitable Conduct
- Limitation of the Doctrine of Willful Infringement
- Proportionate Damages

The PIA ([www.piausa.org](http://www.piausa.org)) has taken the lead in educating members of Congress about how this legislation will affect inventors. PIA President **Ron Riley** believes that "this new bill would irreparably damage America's patent system and handicap U.S. inventors and entrepreneurs." ❖

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