



HELLO EVERYONE !

Hello Everyone! If this is your first edition of the Tidbits, we want to welcome you to the Tampa Bay Inventors Council. We are pleased to say that we are welcoming new members at every meeting and we're growing *very* rapidly. We are seeing some wonderful things happen for some of our members and it is exciting to know we are really making progress in the invention world.

Our TBIC is becoming known nationwide. We have recently received recognition by the *Tampa Bay Business Journal* and expect that they will have some pretty impressive things to say, considering the showing that quite a few of our members put on when they came to our facility and viewed some of the members inventions. We don't know as of yet 'who' or 'what' will be mentioned, but we are supposed to receive 100 copies of the *Business Journal* when it hits the shelf on August 22nd. That means that there will be copies available for the members at the meeting on the 27th. First come first serve. (They can also be found on the internet at www.bizjournals.com/tampabay)

We hope that our members realize that we are starting to do things that will bring more and more recognition to our group. We seem to be acquiring members who have the drive to succeed and we are also seeing members, who have let ideas sit dormant for some time, bring new life to their ideas now that we have the connections and the means to get them to the market. We still need to find more connections though. We are requesting to know *who* you know and know *what* you can do! For instance, if you know of a guy that knows a guy that's the President of Wonder Bread, then we want to know them! (I have always dreamed of a 'Half-loafa Bread', so he would be a good contact !!! Hey, it could happen!)

We are interested to know if you might have a knack for something like sewing, beading, artistic painting, building toy models of boats or cars. These kinds of talents may lend their selves to an inventor who is looking to have a replica of a prototype made. So far we have found in our group that there are web builders that have lent their talents. One of the members had the need for some sewing to be done and it was taken care of. It has been mentioned that one of the members lend their voice to a video that will be made of an invention in the near future. One of our members needed to get an idea out of her head and explained it to an artist who painted a beautiful picture of it. It cost her 500 dollars because she didn't have the resources that she has now. You can see the potential to help one another here.

There is no end to the talents we possess and even when you think there will never be a need for the talent you have, you might be surprised. We need to hear from those of you that can use these talents also.

There will be a talent sheet at our front desk that contain a list of several talents that we can immediately identify. If you don't find yours there, add it to the list. All members have a number that is assigned to them in the membership computer. Those numbers can be found on our ID badges. If you find your talent on the list, just put your number beside it. One way or another, we are going to link the persons with a talent to the people who need it.

LAST MEETING RECAP

At our last meeting we were given the opportunity to see who would be running for the Board of trustees and hear a little bit about them. Each person stood and expressed how they were hoping to be a part of the future growth of TBIC. These shoes are a lot bigger than they've ever been before, but we have some pretty dedicated members ready to give it their best shot.

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 27th 2003

We are going to choose the members of the new Board of Trustees by secret ballot. The candidates will stand briefly and introduce themselves and our members will vote with their ballots.

Once the Board Members are selected, they will elect the officers amongst themselves.

Here is a list of the candidates:

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| Randy Landreneau | Russ Randall |
| Gayla Kilbride | Chuck Van Breemen |
| Chris Salter | Robert Sheridan |
| Dave Kiewit | Bobby Lawrence |
| George Mouzakis | Jennifer Knoepp |
| Mark Jones | Steve Gates |

HEAR YE ! HEAR YE !!

If you would like to know a bit more about our members who are running for office, you may go to the TBIC website and click on 'Elections'. There you will find a small bio of most of the candidates.

NEXT FOCUS GROUP PRESENTERS

There are only two presenters this week. They are actually the 'leftovers' from last meeting:

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| Russ Randall | Thaw Champ |
| Jennifer Knoepp | The Headstand |

If you would like to present your item, leave your name in the box at the front desk, or even better, give Jennifer a call so it can be included.

VOLUNTEERS

On the 16th, we had a Pool Party to help us all get a little more acquainted with our candidates. The turn-out wasn't quite as big as we hoped, but the members who could make it seemed to have a wonderful time. We would like to sincerely thank our wonderful host and hostess Bert and Gayla Kilbride for opening up their home to us and making us feel so welcome. If you were there then you know what a wonderful atmosphere we enjoyed and how nice it was to sit and get to know each other on a more personal basis. One person in particular seemed to grab everyone's fascination, Mr. Bert Kilbride himself! Around 90 years young and sharp as a tack! He is one of the most fascinating and entertaining people you will ever meet. He has been named the last Pirate because of the many treasures he has found. His extensive collection of treasures and artifacts that he has right there in his home as well as the stories that go with them will keep a person entertained for hours. He intrigued quite a few of our members that evening to the point that they had to be dragged away by their spouses. We are so very proud to have such a worldly, wonderful person as part of our group. Thank you again Bert and Gayla.

A PAT ON THE BACK

We are giving our 'pat on the back' to Chip Nary this week. Chip came to the Pool Party with intentions of installing one of the fountains that he makes and found that it was not possible. He then tried to manipulate and work on putting the fountain into the Jacuzzi which failed also, but again not his fault. He spent most of his evening trying to do something nice for the good of the group and help create some great atmosphere and missed out on a lot of socializing and getting to know his fellow members.

VOLUNTEERS

We could use some help here!! I am asking that those of you who could spare a little time before the meetings, please come in and help welcome people. Tell them what you know about TBIC. Help them with filling out a new visitor form so that we can all welcome them to the meeting and introduce them to the membership. We could also use help with running the popcorn machine and serving the bags of popcorn.

BY THE WAY . . .

If you have any business to be taken care of on the night of our meetings, please plan to arrive by 6:30 to give us plenty of time to take care of your needs before the meeting starts. We would like to start our meetings promptly at 7:30 as planned. So, if you need to renew or upgrade your membership, or if you have any other inquiries about your membership, newsletter, badges, etc., just plan to come in plenty of time to attend to it before meeting time.

Check the applicable items below. This list will enable us to know your expertise and abilities.

Automotive

- Mechanical
- Repair
- Body
- Other _____

Computers

- Software
- Repair/Assembly
- Websites
- Drafting
- Animation
- Art / Drawing
- Word Processing
- Other _____

Photography

- Film
- Digital
- Photoshop
- Darkroom
- Other _____

Crafts

- Sewing
- Tailoring
- Painting
- Upholstery
- Other _____

Art

- Painting
- Pen/Ink
- Glass
- Pottery
- Other _____

Shop Skills

- Sheet Metal
- Woodworking
- Machining
- Fabrication
- Welding
- Other _____

Trades

- Plumbing
- Electrical
- HVAC
- Carpenter
- Concrete
- Landscaping
- Other _____

Media (Entertainment)

- Audio/Video
- Engineer
- Musician
Instrument _____
- Voice Over
 - Animation
 - Commercial
- Singing
- Acting
- Other _____

Media (Print)

- Editor
- Author
- Copywriter
- Proofreader
- Typist
- Printer
- Other _____

Food

- Management
- Chef
- Catering
- Bakery
- Vendor
- Other _____

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