

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

# HAPPY NEW YEAR



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The Inventors Council is an independent, non-profit 501-c-3 corporation formed to help inventors pursue their dreams of bringing new and innovative products to market. Our goal is to help fellow inventors succeed in the most efficient and least costly manner by providing education and business networking.

**Founded by Robert (Bob) Ross in 1995**

We meet on the second Thursday of every month:  
This month we meet at Capital Coney Island

As a non-profit, Our Meetings are Open to the Public  
We appreciate a donation of \$5.00 at the Door

Volume 2019 - #12      Next Meeting: **Thursday, December 12, 2019 - 7:00 pm**      **Venue: Capital Coney Island**

## December Itinerary

- Report 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Young Sharks program [go.umflint.edu/YoungSharks](http://go.umflint.edu/YoungSharks)
- Update on January venue
- December meeting - Christmas Dinner at Capital – submit names for Board and officer's election
- Discussion on upcoming Speakers
  - (possibly revive our Speaker Series for the year)
  - MSBDC Exploring the Financial Side of your Invention – (Mary Kordyban)
- Handout on the GreatPlate and selling through QVC
- Networking

## Upcoming Events:

- Factory Two December events - [www.info@factorytwo.org](http://www.info@factorytwo.org)
- MiQuest December Calendar of Events: [www.MiQuest.org](http://www.MiQuest.org)
- SBDC Business Workshops: [www.sbdcmichigan.org](http://www.sbdcmichigan.org)
- UIA Inventors Spotlight at the PGA 2020 Merchandise Show – Orlando, FL. January 22-24 To submit a product <https://www.submitmyinvention.com/submit/pga-inventorsspotlight>

## November Minutes:

- Update on January venue
- December Christmas Dinner at Capital
- Submit names for Board and Officers
- Discussion on upcoming Speakers
- MSBDC exploring the Financial side of your invention (Mary)
- IGA Podcast
- Networking

## Michigan Inventor Clubs

Grand Rapids Inventors Network  
[www.grinventors.com](http://www.grinventors.com)

Inventors Council of Mid-Michigan  
[www.inventorscouncil.org](http://www.inventorscouncil.org)

Jackson Inventors Network  
[www.jacksoninventors.org](http://www.jacksoninventors.org)

MidMichigan Innovation Center  
[www.mmic.us](http://www.mmic.us)

Muskegon Inventors Network  
[www.muskegoninventorsnetwork.org](http://www.muskegoninventorsnetwork.org)

Inventors Association of Metro Detroit  
[www.inventoriamd.org](http://www.inventoriamd.org)

Lansing Inventors Network  
[www.facebook.com/LansingInventorsNetwork](https://www.facebook.com/LansingInventorsNetwork)

## Affiliations

Inventor Groups of America  
[www.inventleader.org](http://www.inventleader.org)

United Inventors Association of America  
[www.uiausa.org](http://www.uiausa.org)

Michigan Inventors Coalition  
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### **Invention Review Panel**

For an objective evaluation and priceless feedback, present your invention ideas to an educated group of inventors, business owners, engineers, and authors. Our Panel will sign a non-disclosure agreement to guarantee your ideas are kept secret while we provide input you need to make decisions during the stages of getting your product to market.

We ask for a \$25.00 donation for non-members. The Panel meets at 6:00 pm prior to each meeting. You must e-mail our Panel Chairman Marty Sovis to request a Pre-evaluation form and return it at least one week prior to a meeting to schedule a time.

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### **President's Note:**

This will be a short note since I need to give you a chance to get your Christmas shopping done. (did you buy that?)

It was exciting to be at the "Young Sharks Program" sponsored by UM-Flint and C.S. Mott Foundation this past week. Four Hundred 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Genesee County schools participated. During the Young Sharks Entrepreneurship Expo and Pitch Competition on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, participating classrooms displayed the business ventures that they had created. For me, the most fun was when they released the 400 students to go out into the halls and search out the vendor displays. Like opening a floodgate, they descended on our Inventors Council table full of questions and comments. It certainly was inspiring to see young Americans interested in creative thinking and problem solving. I had samples of some of the inventions of our members. The students wanted to know all about what they were, what they did, and how they are sold. It was pretty cool.

Thanks to UM-Flint's Office of Outreach and the generous funding from the C.S. Mott Foundation for this event.

Don't let your idea go stale over the Holidays, keep developing and moving forward.

But also have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Remember, have fun with your invention!