

## About ICKC

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The Inventors Center of Kansas City (ICKC) is a nonprofit organization with over 1,000 members and a monthly meeting attendance of 50 to 80 people. Recently, we added live webcast so people from all around the United States and abroad benefit from our efforts. The meetings are free and open to the public, held the third Tuesday of each month at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

The ICKC [Board of Directors](#) firmly believe new inventions, technology and the unique individuals that create them make up our countries most valuable resources. ICKC provides a learning forum for inventor/entrepreneurs and those in allied fields, benefiting all involved. Our purpose is to provide innovative education and support that will stimulate members to guide their ideas through the idea development process from validation, evaluation, competitive analysis, business planning, funding, prototyping, patenting, marketing, distribution and licensing. Our hope is to see innovation thrive and individuals "Soar to Success", benefiting themselves, the community, and the nation.

### Our History

In 2012, the [Board of Directors](#) began branding the dba The Inventors Center of KC (ICKC). Formerly, the Inventors Club of Kansas City (ICKC) made its debut in 2004 at the Linda Hall Library, on the campus of the University of Kansas City, Missouri, which is highly respected as one of a few national designated U.S.P.T.O. Libraries. Linda Hall Library carries all of the issued patents, registered trademarks and copyrights. In addition, they are well noted for having one of our nation's best and largest collections of Science and Technology information. Linda Hall Library temporarily closed in 2005 to start a major building expansion and ICKC moved to the nearby prestigious Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Conference Center. In 2006, ICKC secured Faultless Bon Ami, makers of the Garden Weasel as a major corporate sponsor and began hosting nation-wide [invention contests and product](#)

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. In 2010, ICKC's monthly [meeting&nbsp;attendenc](#)  
grew and added [live](#)

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[webcast viewing](#)

, attracting an international audience. More than 7 products have been licensed through our invention contests and many inventors, technologies and small businesses have grown as a result of the efforts of ICKC through it's board and volunteers. In 2011, ICKC secured a \$10,000 a month Google Adword grant. 2012 is starting well adding Media-Corp as a major corporate sponsor in the "As Seen On TV" category and hosting an

[online invention contest](#)

with monthly winners and expanding our inventor educational programs.

The Kauffman Foundation and the ICKC goals are both "dedicated to affecting change in two areas: Education and Entrepreneurial Success! The club was founded by [C.J. Boylan](#) with the

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help of

[Steve Gillespie](#)

with the belief that every new business starts with someone's bright idea!

**Member Products & Services** - (currently being updated)

[SportsShade Portable Retractable Canopy Awning](#) - available for sale or license.

[R2FACT Product Development](#) - expertise on product design, engineering, prototyping and manufacturing.

[JEI Structural Engineering](#) - structural engineering expertise for the glass, glazing and solar industries.

[AccessorEaz Jewelry Organizer](#) -