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Gloria Lu & Victoria Fu



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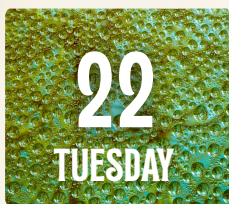
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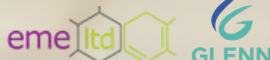


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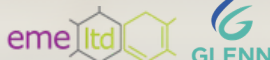


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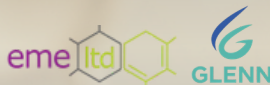
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JENNIFER CURTIS (LUBRIZOL) & ROSA MEDRANO (DR. SQUATCH)

MESSAGE FROM *The Chair*

The dog days of summer have come to a close and fall is upon us. I hope you — our wonderful CASC members — were able to take a well-deserved vacation, or a staycation at one of our beautiful coastal beaches or up in the mountains.

The Driver household was busier than ever this summer, as we welcomed a baby boy to the family back in May. That kept me from our beloved (and sold-out) Malibu meeting with Professor Squires this year, but by every account I heard, it was a hit.

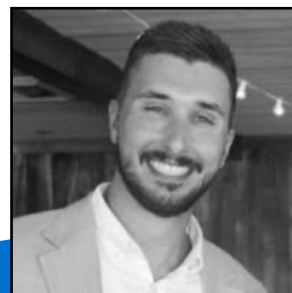
In June, our industry gathered aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach for our annual Dinner Dance. Many of you dressed for the Alice in Wonderland theme, and we dined and danced the night away in that historic venue. My thanks to Saskia Piscaer of Lucas Meyer Cosmetics for planning the evening, and to our sponsors, whose support made the night possible for our members and guests.

Our Chair-Elect, Stephanie Facuri of Solabia, hosted a summer event at the Gourmandise School in Santa Monica. I was surprised to see how many of our attendees already knew their way around a fine Italian meal — I now have a real appreciation and respect for hand-rolled gnocchi. After a solid team effort, we enjoyed the fruits of our labor over good food, good conversation, and plenty of laughs.

Fall, in my opinion, is the best time of the year. We have momentum heading into the holiday season and a great deal to look forward to. Having spent my first couple of years in Greater Los Angeles as a Pasadena resident, I am especially glad to be heading back there for our Scientific Seminar on September 22nd. On October 6th, we co-host our annual Golf Outing with the SCIFTS and AACT at the Navy Golf Course in Cypress — thank you, Cat Hoang! On November 17th, we close out our educational programming for the year at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach, a first for our chapter, and I look forward to giving our members and guests a beautiful new venue right near the sand for networking and education. Finally, we invite the entire industry to DTLA for SCC80, a celebration of pioneering speakers, awards, the showcase, and the best networking our industry has to offer.

I am thrilled to be a part of this journey with you as we forge toward the end of 2026.

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2026 Chair, California Society of Cosmetic Chemists



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Glennis J. Orloff
VP R&D/Regulatory at SV Labs



What is one professional achievement or project you've completed that you're particularly proud of?

It is hard to sum up your life's career based on a single achievement. My proudest professional achievement is my proven ability to master and succeed at whatever challenge I focus on. Throughout my career journey, whenever I have faced a new industry, system, or complex problem, I have successfully put my mind to it and delivered results. My defining success is this high level of adaptability and execution.

Along my journey started with a technical and materials foundation managing specialized engineering research teams to improve process yields and advance semiconductor hardware materials which lead to my PMP certification and managing large project research programs and budgets. Next, I was able to move into global product innovations, creating an extensive patent portfolio and inventing and bringing to market the launch of the globally successful Schick Intuition razor and creating my own company to launch viable consumer market products. This led to working more in the Wellness space where I directed the end-to-end product development lifecycle to commercialize multiple high-volume probiotic and nutritional supplement lines. From building successful products, the next step was building successful organizations optimizing global R&D operations, formulation pipelines, technical roadmaps, due diligence, and operational scale-ups for personal care and wellness products, as well as unifying operations across multiple R&D and Production sites.

Could you share one piece of advice you've received from a mentor that's stuck with you to this day?

Mentorship for women in tech was once a rarity, so I let curiosity be my guide. By mastering the art of observation, having a relentless drive to figure things out, and asking the right questions, I've learned that you don't need to be the expert to drive the solution.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Glenn J. Orloff

You've spent a significant amount of time on both coasts & across the country during the course of your career. We're curious, what advice would you give to others who are considering this type of relocation?

As a lifelong learner, I believe our only limitation is our own drive. Skills, critical thinking, and adaptability transcend geographic boundaries. I actively pursue opportunities where I can build meaningful connections and drive company growth. Ultimately, my true motivation is delivering measurable value; it is not about where you are planted, but how you help the entire garden thrive. As for advice, I believe that professional growth is entirely self-made. Rather than waiting for a company to train you, you have to take ownership of your career and build skills independently. In today's fast-paced market, a fixed mindset is a liability. You need to view your skillset as a fluid, ever-growing toolkit constantly adding new capabilities to stay adaptable and provide impact.

What is one common misconception people have about your specific role or field?

The biggest misconception is the belief that a formula created in the lab can be scaled directly to the factory floor without any effect on the final product's aesthetics.

The fundamental clash stems from a mismatch between laboratory innovation and factory-floor scaling. Brands design for consumers, striving for perfection and prioritizing unique textures, custom ingredients, and tight formula tolerances optimized on the bench. CMOs, however, design for operational efficiency, requiring stable, robust formulas with wider operating limits and secure supply chains to ensure reproducibility on high-speed lines at the desired cost.

The friction occurs when we try to force a fragile, benchtop chemistry into a mass-production environment, expecting it to look and feel exactly as it did on the bench without any deviations from the center at minimal cost. It's the difference between hand-knitting a unique sweater and mass-producing it with machines; there are always subtle differences.

What is one emerging trend or technology in our industry that you think will be a "game changer" in the next 5 years?

One emerging trend over the next five years will be precision ingredients created via lab-grown biotechnology. As the industry shifts away from petroleum synthetics and resource-heavy plant harvesting, this tech utilizes microorganisms to manufacture high-purity, bio-identical ingredients. This allows rare botanical compounds to be mass-produced in controlled environments, making these actives completely immune to climate changes or seasonal supply shocks. Ultimately, it empowers both sides of the industry. For brands, it guarantees unique formulation opportunities alongside batch-to-batch product consistency and performance. For manufacturers, it provides consistent quality, year-round supply chain resilience, and a reduced carbon footprint. It perfectly bridges the gap between clean beauty and high-performance efficacy.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Glennis J. Orloff

What is one tool, app, or routine you simply can't work without?

I've learned over the years that my day is much more productive when I prioritize creating lists before diving into work. It's so easy to spend the whole morning reacting to urgent, low-impact noise like emails and notifications. To avoid that, I've built a habit of focusing on the key projects first. Once those tasks are checked off, I move on to routine requests. This approach keeps me from spinning my wheels and guarantees that the high-impact work actually gets done.

How do you like to recharge or "unplug" after a particularly busy week?

I find the best way to reset is on a nature trail. Taking long hikes gives me the mental space to unplug and process the week. It's where I do my best reflecting, allowing the 'noise' to fade so I can gain clarity on the things that matter.

Book/Podcast Recs: What is one resource (book, podcast, or newsletter) that has significantly impacted your perspective recently?

Recently, the book 'Man's Search for Meaning' by Viktor Frankl significantly shifted my perspective. Frankl argues that while we cannot always control our circumstances, we always retain the freedom to choose our attitude. This made me realize that finding meaning isn't about avoiding workplace hardships or chasing constant happiness, it is about discovering a purpose to pursue despite life's challenges. Today, whenever I face a difficult project or a setback at work, I focus my energy on what I can control, let go of what I cannot.

a little bit more about Glennis:

I am originally from New York and will always be an East Coast girl at heart. Outside of my professional role, I am deeply passionate about mentorship and helping others navigate their career paths by sharing lessons from my own journey. To stay energized and focused, I dedicate my free time to fitness and working out. A fun fact about me is that I recently hiked 100 miles of the Camino del Norte through the Basque Country in Spain.



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FDA

- Fluoride Toothpastes-the FDA is seeking data on non-animal testing methods.
- MoCRA Update:
 - a. Fragrance Allergens Notice of Proposed Rulemaking- FDA is looking to announce these in November of this year.
 - b. The FDA is looking to ban Formaldehyde and Formaldehyde Releasing Agents in hair smoothing and straightening products-New Proposed date in November 2026.
 - c. GMPs and Test Methods to Identify Talc- New Proposed Date in Nov. 2027.

California

- SCP:
 - a. TPHP listed as priority product at conc. Greater than 250 PPM effective Oct. 1, 2026. Manufacturers exceeding the quantity must submit a Priority Product Notification by Nov. 30, 2026. By March 30, 2027, manufacturers must submit a Intent/Confirmation Notification for Product Removal or an Intent/Confirmation Notification for Product-Chemical Replacement or a Preliminary Alternative Analysis Report or one of the other reporting options.
- OEHHA:
 - a. Released draft amendments for Prop 65, which included clarifications for how and when warnings are required and how the natural exemption is applied. Comment period open till Sept. 7, 2026
 - b. OEHHA added Hydrochlorothiazide, Voriconazole, and Tacrolimus to the Prop 65 list on July 17, 2026.
 - c. Proposed change to DEA (dermal) NSRL listing. 15 day comment period started on June 10, 2026.
 - d. Public Comment Period of Draft Cancer Inhalation Unit Risk Factor of Acrolein and Ethylene Oxide was open till June 29, 2026.
 - e. Notice of intent to List Hydrochlorothiazide, Voriconazole, Welding Fumes, and Tacrolimus-Comment period was open till June 8, 2026.
- SB-54-Coalition has requested legislative action to address affordability concerns that have been raised due to the pending implementation of SB 54
- SB 343-a federal judge has issued a preliminary injunction, which temporarily blocks the enforcement of SB 343.
- California Safe Cosmetics Program (CSCP)- Reportable Ingredient list was updated including reporting requirements for 56 new fragrance allergens for CFFIRKA, deadline for products currently on the marketplace before July 31, 2026 must be report by July 31, 2028. Or products introduced after k=July 31, 2026 must be reported within the standard timeline of the regulation.

Regulatory Updates

USA

Illinois

- FHB 3409:Illinois Cosmetic Ingredient Ban Enacted-It bans certain chemical ingredient in cosmetics sold in Illinois starting on July 1, 2028.

Colorado

- HB -26-1135 Transparency of Chemicals Used in Hair Products Enacted-It will require warning labels on hair relaxers and synthetic hair pieces contain carcinogens and reproductive toxicants- Labels required by July 1, 2027.

Louisiana

- LA HB 930 – Registration of Cosmetic Products- requirement for registration of cosmetics was removed. It also exempt cottage cosmetic facilities (home based facilities in a residence) from permit requirements, fee and inspection requirements. But it does require cottage cosmetic facilities to be registered to collect the applicable local sales and use taxes and requires them to maintain a current sales tax certificate.

Maryland

- MD HB 1533 / MD SB 656-Two new billed signed establishing restrictions for cosmetic ingredients, including lead, etc.
- Adopted New EPR Regulations (COMAR 26.04.14)- effective on May 25, 2026.

Rhode Island

- RI HB 7734 – Enacted bill to ban intentionally added PFAs beginning on January 1, 2027.

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Australia

- Australian Industrial Chemicals Intro. Scheme (AICIS)-Now will require an Assessment Certificate for Retinal for cosmetics and other consumer products.

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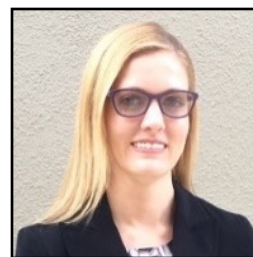
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- CEPA-2,4-Petanedione added to the Watch List. MEK and MIBK are also facing further controls.
- NHP Guide – It was updated, including possible requirements for how sunscreens are regulated. Comment period open till Sept 20, 2026.
- Added immediate restrictions for use of Castor Oil, monomaleate on June 10, 2026.

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History of Ocean Based Ingredients

I trust everyone had a great summer!! Much like many of you, I am always excited about one week out of the summer...Shark Week! While enjoying the many weird shows, including Sharknado, I decided to write about the history of using ocean based ingredients in our industry.

The history of ocean-based beauty products likely began when someone living near the coast noticed that seaweed felt surprisingly slippery and thought, "This could either make my skin glow or result in a conversation with the village healer."

Ancient civilizations across Asia, Europe, and the Pacific Islands used seaweed, sea salt, and marine mud for cleansing and skincare. The logic was refreshingly straightforward: fish seemed healthy, seals had shiny coats, and the ocean looked expensive. Therefore, the ocean probably contained beauty secrets.

Egyptians soaked in mineral-rich waters. Greeks enjoyed sea baths. Romans built elaborate bathing complexes and turned marine-inspired wellness into a full-time hobby. If there had been social media in Ancient Rome, half the posts would have been pictures of sea-salt scrubs accompanied by captions like, "Living my best imperial life."

Seaweed became one of the earliest marine beauty ingredients. Conveniently abundant and impossible to ignore once it washed ashore, seaweed was easy to collect and offered numerous minerals and nutrients.

Of course, convincing people to put beach vegetation on their heads wasn't always easy.

Imagine the first salesperson:

"Would you like shinier hair?"

"Certainly."

"Excellent. Apply this damp pile of sea plants."

"What?"

"Trust the process."

Against all odds, the process often worked. Seaweed contains compounds that help condition skin and hair, and over centuries it earned a reputation as one of the ocean's most useful beauty resources.

History of Ocean Based Ingredients

Sea salt became another major player in beauty history. Long before fancy exfoliating treatments arrived in elegant jars, people were scrubbing themselves with salt crystals and emerging feeling dramatically cleaner.

Salt had several advantages:

- It was plentiful.
- It was inexpensive.
- It removed dead skin cells.
- It occasionally reminded users they had cuts they didn't know about.

Nevertheless, salt remained popular because it delivered visible results.

Pearls became associated with beauty and elegance in numerous cultures. Ground pearl powders appeared in traditional beauty practices and were valued for their refined image.

Let's be honest: even today, "contains pearl extract" sounds considerably more glamorous than "contains fishy smelling seaweed."

As beauty science advanced, researchers began exploring oils derived from marine sources. Fish oils, rich in beneficial fatty acids, attracted attention for their moisturizing and conditioning properties.

Unfortunately, fish-based beauty products faced one small challenge:

They came from fish.

Consumers generally wanted the moisturizing benefits without smelling like a seafood platter.

The history of marine cosmetics therefore became partially dedicated to answering a critical question:

"Can we keep the nutrients and remove all evidence that they originated from a creature named Sharknado?"

Our trusty ingredient vendors had to come up with a solution.

History of Ocean Based Ingredients

Today, marine-inspired skincare is everywhere. Seaweed extracts, algae, marine minerals, sea fennel, marine collagen, and deep-sea fermentation ingredients appear in products around the globe, even deep-sea marine vents.

Modern beauty companies frequently describe these ingredients using phrases such as:

- "Ocean-powered."
- "Sea-derived."
- "Marine-active."
- "Deep-water technology."

These terms sound wonderfully futuristic.

In reality, humanity has spent thousands of years taking ocean materials, processing them in increasingly sophisticated ways, and applying them to skin. The difference is that today's products arrive in sleek packaging instead of a bucket.

The full potential of the benefits of marine ingredients is still being discovered. From anti-inflammation to wound healing, these ingredients have a place in many of our beauty treatments and anti-aging benefits. The latest discovery is PDRN. Which will be the focus of my next article.

Welcome back everyone.



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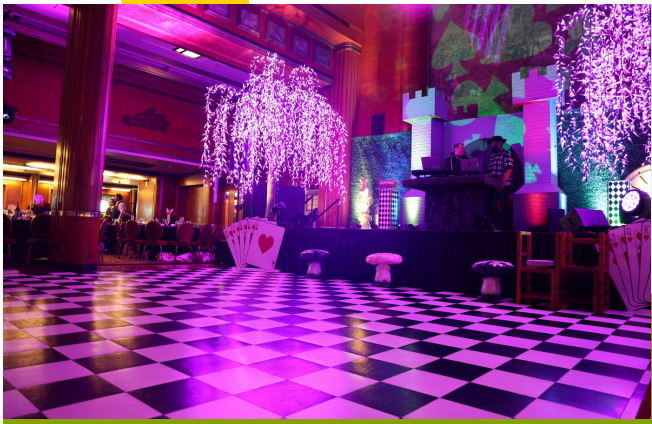
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GNOCCHI

serves 4

2 large russet potatoes
1-2 large eggs
1 cup (125g) all-purpose flour

1. Roast the skin-on potato at 400°F until fork tender, 45 minutes to one hour, depending on the size of the potato.
2. Cool for ten minutes at room temperature, then remove potato skins. Pass through a potato ricer, use a box grater to grate, or a fork to mash well and create a loose mound of potato on your counter or in a large bowl.
3. Make a well in the center of the potato and add the egg, starting with one and using more if you need to based on consistency. Use a fork to mix until you get a uniform dough. The dough should be soft, pliable, and hold a fingerprint. If it feels dry or crumbly, add more egg. Sprinkle flour on the potato mix ¼ cup at a time and knead lightly to bring the dough together.
4. Roll into a log with ½" diameter, cut into 1" pieces, and shape to form gnocchi. Store in a single layer on a sheet pan dusted with flour.
5. Bring a large pot of water to a boil with a generous amount of salt. Place gnocchi gently into the rolling boil and cook for about 4 minutes, or until completely floating. Drain gnocchi and toss with sauce.

BROWN BUTTER & SAGE SAUCE

serves 4

2 oz (½ stick) unsalted butter
4 leaves sage
1 clove garlic, lightly crushed, optional
— kosher salt, to taste
— grated Parmesan cheese, to taste

1. On medium heat, cook butter, optional garlic, and sage, stirring occasionally. After about five minutes, the butter will get quiet and foamy, and you will just begin to see golden brown specks.
2. Remove from heat and set aside until ready to toss with the gnocchi.

ARUGULA & PISTACHIO PESTO SALAD

makes ½ cup dressing

PISTACHIO PESTO

¼ cup	basil leaves
2 Tbsp	grated Parmesan cheese
2 Tbsp	toasted pistachios
1	small clove garlic, peeled
¼ cup	lemon juice
¼ cup	olive oil
½ tsp	kosher salt

1. Blend all ingredients in a food processor. If necessary, add additional olive oil or water to thin out (the consistency should allow for drizzling). Set aside until ready to serve.

TO SERVE

4 cups	arugula
½ cup	cherry tomatoes, cut in half

1. Toss the arugula, tomatoes, and dressing. Serve immediately.

CHICKEN MADEIRA SCALLOPINI

serves 4

2	boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into four half breasts
½ cup	all-purpose flour
1 oz	butter
2 Tbsp	olive oil
1	shallot, minced
1	lemon's zest
1	lemon's juice
2 Tbsp	capers
½ cup	Madeira wine
½ cup	chicken stock
1 sprig	parsley, minced

1. Place the chicken cutlets between two sheets of plastic wrap. Pound the chicken into ½"-thick scallopini.
2. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Dip each piece in flour, shaking to remove excess.
3. Heat a large sauté pan on medium-high for one minute. Add the butter and oil, then allow butter to fully melt. Add the chicken, being careful not to splatter the hot fat. Sauté the chicken for 2

minutes per side, or until browned, and remove to a plate. (Fully cooked chicken breasts should read 165°F on a thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the breast.)

4. Lower heat to medium, then add the shallot to the pan and sauté for about one minute until softened. Add the lemon zest, juice, capers, and Madeira wine and reduce by half. Add stock and chicken breasts to the pan if they need to cook more, and reduce to a light sauce consistency.
5. Pour the sauce over the chicken and garnish with parsley.

OLIVE OIL CAKE

yields one 8" cake

180 g / 1½ cups	all-purpose flour
200 g / 1 cup	granulated sugar
2 g / ¼ tsp	kosher salt
3 g / ½ tsp	baking soda
3 g / ½ tsp	baking powder
100 g / ½ cup	extra virgin olive oil
170 g / ¾ cup	whole milk
2	large eggs
1	orange, zested & juiced
1 cup	mixed berries, to serve
½ tsp	granulated sugar
½ cup	heavy cream, whipped to serve with cake

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Spray an 8" cake pan with oil and line with a circle of parchment paper to fit just the bottom of the pan.
2. In a large bowl, whisk the flour, salt, baking soda, and baking powder together. In another bowl, whisk the zest of the orange into the sugar and sand it together to extract the flavor of the zest. Whisk in the eggs, then the juice from the orange until well combined, and then the milk and olive oil. Pour the wet ingredients over the dry and whisk until just combined. Try not to over mix the batter.
3. Pour batter into the prepared pan and bake for 30–40 minutes until the top is golden and the center of the cake is set. Cool the cake for at least 15 minutes in the pan before unmolding.
4. While the cake is baking, toss the berries with 1 tsp sugar and allow to macerate for at least five minutes and up to an hour.
5. Once the cake is cool, sift powdered sugar on top and serve with the berries and whipped cream.

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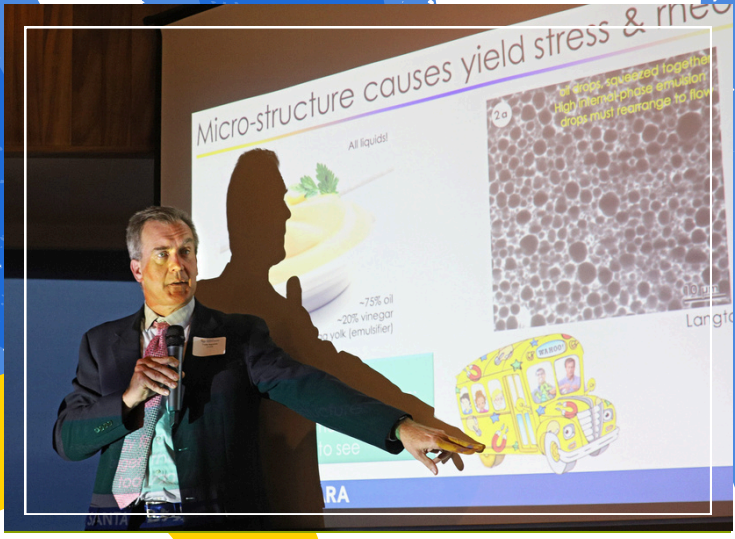
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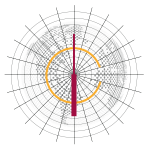


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