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Megan's Monologue

CHAIR

Greetings to All,

While there is one word that starts with "T" that we all are tired of talking about, trends is not it! What a great meeting we had in Indiana with Nielsen IQ presenting the latest and greatest in market trends = State of Beauty. Once again, I learned so much I have pages of notes. But a few key take aways are the 2025 Key Trends: 1. Retail Revolution, 2. Consumer Mindset Shift and 3. Role of a Brand...consumers are searching for specific ingredients instead of brands by name. Thank you to our two meeting sponsors as well: Essential Ingredients and Otis Sampson.

If you didn't make that meeting, we have plenty more informative and exciting events coming up including a new summer event. The weather is finally warming, and we are ready for the sunshine! More details are included in the newsletter and will follow.

We are starting to plan Teamworks for next year and are finalizing the selections for Technical Symposium in October so a lot of work and effort is coming from the team. If you'd like to volunteer, please let us know!

Thank you to all our sponsors, speakers, attendees and supporters, let's continue making this an amazing year!

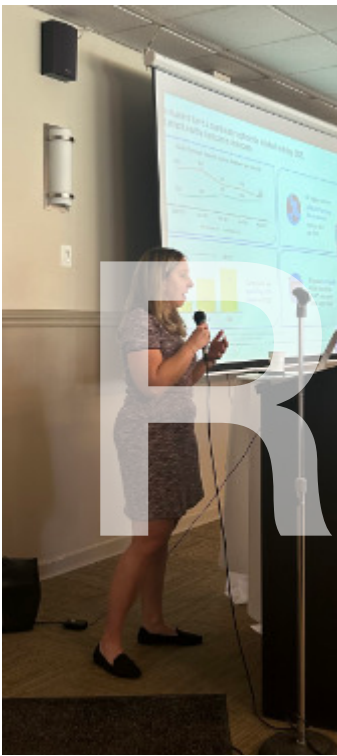
Best Regards,

Megan Peboontom

2025 MWSCC Chair

Curious how to become involved? Join a committee! There are so many to choose from and contact information is included in this newsletter. Please reach out, join a committee. This is a volunteer organization, and we need all the help we can get and always welcome new ideas.





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Classic Compositions

Author

KELLY A. DOBOS

Cosmetic Chemist Consultant



I've been collecting old cosmetic science books and formularies for many years. I thought it would be fun to share some of the history and science behind cosmetic formulations of the past with my fellow SCC members by writing this column, Classic Compositions, for the Midwest Chapter of the Society of Cosmetics Chemists (MWSCC).

Liquid Cosmetic Stocking

This formula comes from Modern Cosmetics, 3rd edition copyrighted in 1947 which was compiled by E.G. Thomssen, chemical consultant and author of other notable cosmetic text's such as Modern Soap Making and the Soap Making Manual. This particular copy is stamped with name Medox Beauty Saloon. I can only surmise this is typo as I found historical reference to a Medox Beauty Salon, but I am intrigued by the concept of a beauty saloon. How about you?

No. 3 Liquid Cosmetic Stocking

Ingredient	%
Colloidal clay	10.0
Precipitated chalk	10.0
Talc	5.0
Alcohol	5.0
Sorbitol	5.0
Soluble casein	3.0
Water	62.0
Dye and pigment	Q.s.

The United States entered World War II in 1941 and nylon became a vital war material used for parachutes, tire cords, ropes, and more. Nylon stockings disappeared from retail outlets and women were asked to launder and drop off their stocking for recycling. At the time, women were appalled at the idea of appearing in public with bare legs. They tried staining their legs with tea and coffee which did not hide uneven texture or blemishes like the stockings they had grown accustomed to. Women began to shave their legs, a relatively new grooming habit at the time and some

presumably had friends use eyebrow pencils to draw a "seam" up the back of their legs. Just imagine trying to do that yourself! Soon cosmetic manufacturers realized they had an opportunity to deliver a better solution with formulas based off of foundation.

The liquid stocking formula above was follow by pigment blends for light and dark shades comprised of iron oxides, the primary color additives still used to mimic various skin tones in foundation today. In addition to pigments, the author notes a small amount of dye should be added to slightly stain the skin and leave behind some color when the pigments have eventually rubbed off. Titanium dioxide or zinc oxide were added to increase opacity and provide coverage. Colloidal clay suspended the pigments and prevented them from settling in the jar. Sorbitol was added to inhibit flaking and alcohol hastened dry time. Caesin, a protein from cow's milk, was utilized as a "fixative" to help the pigments adhere to the legs.

These formulas could easily rub off on clothing and ran off the legs if you just happened to get caught in a rain storm. Fortunately, another innovation in cosmetic science was just around the corner. The colorant properties of dihydroxyacetone (DHA) commonly referred to as DHA were discovered in the 1950s by Dr. Eva Wittgenstein, a researcher at a University of Cincinnati hospital, who had been treating children with a rare metabolic disorder. She noticed that when the medicine she was using splattered, it stained the patients' skin but not their clothes. Coppertone's Quick Tan launched in the 1960s and is often regarded as the first mass market sunless tanner. Sunless tanner formulations have come a long way since their debut but DHA remains the only color additive approved by the US FDA that achieves a long-lasting bronzed look.

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Do's:

- Keep your content to 2 pages worth of content with words and graphics (if applicable)
- Write original content on cosmetic science how to's, ingredient information, techniques, research, regulations, primary data, trends, case studies, tips/tricks, etc.
- If not cosmetic science based, focused content on professional skills such as interviewing, communication, time management, staying organized, negotiating, leadership, etc.
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- Cite sources utilized
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Don't:

- Exceed 1000 words or over 2 pages worth of content
- Include trade names or marketing material and sound like a sales pitch or marketing bulletin
- Make unsubstantiated claims

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The SCC 79th Annual Scientific Meeting & Showcase, taking place December 15-17, 2025, at the Sheraton NY Times Square in New York. The event is the premier education event for the cosmetics and personal care industry, attracting nearly 1,000 attendees including formulators, chemists, consultants, suppliers, academia, students, and regulatory professionals. It will feature over 40 industry experts covering current topics, technologies, and innovations through keynote lectures and scientific sessions. Additionally, a Showcase with more than 100 leading companies will display their latest products, services, ingredients, tools, and technologies. The meeting provides networking opportunities for professionals in the industry.

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Upcoming Events

2025

May 13, Arrowhead Golf Course, Wheaton

Speaker: Neil Burns

“Get the *&^%\$ water out!”

June 10, Putt Shack, Oak Brook

Speaker: Matt Stearn

“Exploring the Science & Market Potential of Solid Fragrance”

September 9, Chucks/Chateau Orleans, Darien

Speaker: TBD

Midwest Chapter Meeting

October 14, North Central College, Naperville

Cosmetic Carnival

Midwest Technical Symposium

November 11, Carlucci, Rosemont

Speaker: 5 Minute Talks

Midwest Emeritus & Officer Installation

Want to register now? [Click here to register for all of our events.](#)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

JILL SALEDA-LAYTON



What made you choose this career path?

I chose the Cosmetic Chemistry industry after having had several years of research experience in the fields of biochemistry, biology, and inorganic chemistry and decided to explore a new direction. To date, it's been a fascinating field that provides continual learning and problem solving has become very rewarding. I realize how important the personal care industry is to our daily lives, and we need to make sure that we are aware of what goes into each product to protect us from unsafe chemicals.

What's your current role in the industry?

I am an integral part of the Research and Development team at Universal Beauty Products, Inc., in Glendale Heights, IL. Our organization focuses on multicultural personal care products with an emphasis on hair care. I have been involved in new product development, as well as reformulation of current products to optimize performance. It's very exciting when product performance goals are met.

How long have you been a member?

I have been a member of the Midwest Chapter of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists since July 2024.

Advice for past self or for present/future members?

I think professional organizations are great for gaining knowledge, especially new technologies. The Midwest Chapter of the SCC is a great platform to meet others in the same industry.

What's your favorite Midwest SCC moment?

I enjoy attending the Emeritus meetings that celebrate long-time members.

What's a fun fact about yourself, outside of the SCC and in your professional life?

I joined the gym in my mid-30's and became hooked on group classes. I especially enjoy Zumba.

What do you want to accomplish in retirement?

I am hopefully a long way off from becoming an Emeritus member but will continue to grow intellectually and remain active during my retirement. My goal is to focus on health, wellness and use fantastic personal care products!

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Megan Peboontom
Chair

Most of my career I have been in the chemical industry. The last 5 years have been specifically in the personal care side of the business and I truly enjoy it! I am excited to have exposure to the fragrance and oil side of PC in my new role as Key Account Manager at New Directions Aromatics. Of course, I am also excited to be the Chair this year as well!



Shechinah Dunmore
Chair-Elect

I currently hold the position of Chair-Elect and Program Chair for your Midwest Chapter, where I also contribute to planning the Technical Symposium and Teamworks events. With 6 years of experience in the cosmetics and personal care industry, I currently serve as a Formulation Technologist at Ingredion Incorporated. I have been an active member of the Midwest Chapter for 5 years and plan on many more!



Breona T. Luker
Treasurer

Hi, I'm Breona! I joined SCC at the beginning of my Personal Care career in 2021 and have been active ever since. I graduated from Syracuse University in 2019 and Georgia State University in 2021 with a B.S. and M.S. in chemistry, respectively. I am so excited to be your 2025 midwest chapter treasurer and share all the super fun, educational and thoughtful programs we have planned for you. As your treasurer I am here for all your financial needs, see you soon!



Heather Grimm
Secretary

My entire career has been in various roles in the chemical industry and I have been dedicated to personal care for the last 8 years with Essential Ingredients. I am very passionate about the personal care industry and do my best to remain at the forefront of emerging trends and regulatory changes, ensuring that my accounts benefit from the latest advancements and maintain compliance with industry standards.

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