



NEWS FROM THE MITTEN

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Our March Meeting & PI Day Celebration was held at The Mitten Brewing Company in Grand Rapids, featuring two wonderful presentations by Karen Patin and Dr. Steve Rybczynski. All attendees enjoyed homemade baked goods, and of course pizza and pie in honor of π Day!



Karen Patin, Amway Retiree, left our sweet tooth satisfied during her presentation on *Better Baking Through Chemistry*. She detailed various chemical components, their function, and potential outcomes in popular recipes. Click on the cookbook images to learn more about her suggestions!

Dr. Steve Rybczynski detailed the art and science behind traditional polish Nalewka (na - LEV-ka) recipes. Attendees learned how different biochemical expressions in fruit and plants lead to varying outcomes in these tasty spirits! Na Zdrowie!

Thank you to both of our wonderful speakers for kicking off our 2024 meetings!



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KEY DATES:

- APRIL 18** SCCMI Technical Meeting & Student Event, Frankenmuth, MI
- MAY 1-2** NYSCC Suppliers Day, New York, NY
- SEPT 19** SCCMI Technical Meeting & Golf Outing, Belding, MI

& APRIL TECHNICAL MEETING & COSMETIC SCIENCES STUDENT NIGHT

April 18th

3:30pm - 7:00pm



Join us at Zehnder's Splash Village in Frankenmuth for our next SCC Technical Meeting and Cosmetic Science Student Event including student poster presentations, speakers, and a Cosmetic Career Panel Discussion.

click [here](#) to register for the event today!



Alison Wery,
University of
Toledo



Robert Graff, Ph.D
CHT



Rebecca Wietting
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David Kahn
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SCCMI OUTREACH NEWS



Yulia Park, Manager of Global Regulatory Affairs at Amway, presented to a group of 5th and 6th graders at Forest Hills Northern Trails Middle School on the career opportunities in the Cosmetic Industry.

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MEET THE 2024 BOARD



Beth Swansegar, Chapter Chair

Beth has held jobs at Amway and FAREVA in Chicago, most recently re-joining Amway in 2022 in her current role as a Skin Care Formulation Chemist. Even after a childhood of curiosity into personal care products, it wasn't until she discovered the University of Toledo's Cosmetic Science and Formulation design program that she realized this was her calling. She hopes the SCC can help bridge that gap between the professional workforce, and students still discovering where their career paths will take them, and to keep maintaining professional relationships!



Bethany Thimmesch, Chapter Chair-Elect

Bethany works as a Skincare Formulator at Amway. She has been an SCC member for 5 years. Her favorite SCC meeting memories are from when she was an intern. She felt so grateful to be included in the organization and was excited to learn more about the opportunities and innovations within the field. Her goals for this year are to help the board brainstorm and execute different meeting styles/locations and improve student engagement!



Paige Engerer, Chapter Secretary

Paige Engerer is a technical service and application development scientist at Dow in Midland, Michigan. Previously, Paige spent six years with Dow Corning. She has been an SCC member for eleven years and has served as chair-elect, chair, and secretary a handful of times. Her most memorable SCC MI event was the very first ever full day technical symposium the chapter executed. Her goals for the MI Chapter in 2024 include continuing to bring education and value to our small chapter, helping to further the cosmetic science and general science advocacy so that we can grow public confidence in the materials we collectively develop as an industry. She hopes to find ways to reach and even wider audience and execute activities and events that further promote cosmetic science.



Caryn Weiss, Chapter Treasurer

Caryn Weiss works as a Systems Analyst at Amway and has been a member of the society for 13 years. Her journey has been marked by significant milestones and memories. Some of her favorites include the collaborative efforts that led to the establishment of the Michigan chapter and most recently being elected as the Area II Director. As we step into 2024, Caryn looks forward to continued success for the Michigan Chapter, fostering meaningful connections, and discovering more exceptional volunteers.

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MEET THE EDITOR

My name is Lauren Daniels, a Formulation Chemist in Personal Care Product Development at Amway. I have stepped into the role of SCCMI's newsletter editor, and will be working hard to fill the role that Mike Starch held for over a decade. My goals for this year are learning more about the members in our chapter, and building connections with other chapter's editors to help share all of the great happenings throughout the Society. Cheers to a wonderful and rewarding 2024!

