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## **OUR CHEMICAL HERITAGE: ITS IMPACT ON OUR DAILY LIVES**

**Speaker: Mary Virginia Orna, Ph.D.**

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**Date: Thursday, October 10,  
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**Time:** Coffee Hour: 5:30 pm  
Speaker: 6:00 pm

**Place:** Westchester Community  
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Room 110



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### **Abstract:**

Few of us take the time to look into the past to see how our lives have been impacted by decisions and policies made long ago or even very recently. In the case of our chemical heritage, often the decision to pursue a particular line of research can have tremendous consequences on the quality of our lives. Some examples from our recent past include the pathways to cancer chemotherapy, research into the chemical origins and cure of prostate disease and the scourge of river blindness. This talk will document these advances in chemical research that have had a profound impact on our search for a rational, healthy future, which is the great gift of modern scientific research.

### **Biography:**

Mary Virginia Orna is Professor of Chemistry, Emerita, College of New Rochelle. She received her Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from Fordham University and has lectured and published widely on the history of chemistry. She is an active ACS member, presently serving as Immediate Past-Chair of the New York Local Section and as Councilor for the ACS Division of the History of Chemistry. She is the author or editor of 21 books and the recipient of numerous awards for her work in chemical education.

### **Zoom Link:**

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