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Sisters in Crime  Orange County



MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the professional development and advancement of women crime writers to achieve equality in the industry.



MEETING PLACE

Irvine Ranch Water District
15500 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92618

The meeting location is still at the Irvine Ranch Water District, but it's now in the Community Affairs meeting room on the northeast side of the parking lot. Here is a map of the location: [IRWD map](#).

For more information and directions, visit: www.ocsistersincrime.org

Following are the dates for the remaining OC SinC meetings in 2013. Please mark your calendars.

Sept. 15th – Authors **Lisa Brackmann** and **Timothy Hallinan** discuss the Asian locales featured in their mysteries.

Oct. 27th – **George Fong**, former FBI agent and currently ESPN Director of Security, Los Angeles Production Center

Nov. 24th – TBA

Dec. 15th – Holiday Party at Mystery Ink Bookstore



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elmore Leonard died last month, on the twentieth of August at the age of 87. He started out writing westerns, and then switched to mysteries, for which we will be eternally grateful. He is sometimes called the Dickens of Detroit. Among his books are *Get Shorty*, *Be Cool*, *52 Pick-up*, *Glitz*, *Out of Sight*. Films he's known for include *Get Shorty*, *Be Cool*, *Pulp Fiction*, and *3:10 to Yuma*, adapted from one of his short stories. He won the Edgar, the Diamond Dagger, the Hammett Prize, and in 1992 was awarded the Grand Master Edgar by MWA.

Famous for his skill with dialogue, he published ten rules for writing that also became famous:

1. Never open a book with weather.
2. Avoid prologues.
3. Never use a verb other than "said" to carry dialogue.
4. Never use an adverb to modify the verb "said"...he admonished gravely.
5. Keep your exclamation points under control. You are allowed no more than two or three per 100,000 words of prose.
6. Never use the words "suddenly" or "all hell broke loose."
7. Use regional dialect, patois, sparingly.
8. Avoid detailed descriptions of characters.
9. Don't go into great detail describing places and things.
10. Try to leave out the part that readers tend to skip.

My most important rule is one that sums up the 10. If it sounds like writing, I rewrite it.

See you September 15, and Happy New Year.

Best,

Aileen G. Baron



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UPCOMING MEETING

To honor his memory, at **2:00 p.m.**, our forum will focus on Elmore Leonard's books and movies and a discussion of his famous ten rules for writing.

At **3:00 p.m.**, our speakers will be **Lisa Brackmann** and **Timothy Hallinan**. The authors will discuss the Asian locales featured in their mysteries.

Lisa Brackman is the author of several novels, including *Rock Paper Tiger* and *Hour of the Rat*. Brackmann is as adept at bringing China's densely populated cities and breathtaking landscapes to life as she is at depicting her flawed but appealing characters and twists and turns galore."

—Publishers Weekly

Timothy Hallinan writes multiple series, including the Simeon Grist mysteries (now available as ebooks,) the Junior Bender mysteries (optioned for film,) and the Poke Rafferty mysteries, set in Thailand. The series has been on numerous Ten Best lists and is translated into five languages.



MEETING ROUNDUP

The annual joint meeting of Sisters in Crime (OC and LA chapters) and the SoCal chapter of Mystery Writers of America was a success, with nearly 75 attending. The theme for the day was: Orange County Confidential: True Crimes of the "O.C."

The event featured guest speakers, Larry Welborn, an award winning investigative journalist with the *O.C. Register*, and Larry Montgomery, a cold case investigator for the O.C. District Attorney's Office.



As **Larry Welborn** described his tenacious investigation of the Linda Cummings murder over 31 years, the audience of crime writers and readers listened spellbound.

Welborn believes that not only is it was his duty to "Stand up for those who can't stand up for themselves," but also to "Reveal the truth," "Make people care," and "Make a difference." His persistence paid off in 2005.



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How the killer was finally arrested and tried... and the shocking outcome of that trial makes an extraordinary tale that, even now, is hard to believe.

Larry Montgomery began by describing his method for reviewing cold cases. Then he told about the 1994 murder of a wealthy entrepreneur who was shot to death in his waterfront home in Newport Beach. There was no DNA, no murder weapon, and no finger print or fiber evidence.



It took him two years to reinvestigate the cold case, but the time and close attention paid off. "The more you look, the more details you'll find, and more cases you'll solve," he said.

A special thank you to *Jackie Houchin* for providing this summary. For the complete article, go to <http://bit.ly/1dgvuKw>.

Many people asked for the recipe for my spaghetti salad, so here it is:

Spaghetti Salad

Chop fine: 1 tomato
 1 green pepper
 1 cucumber

Mix with bottle of Salad Supreme. (You can find it in the spice aisle.) Chill overnight.

Cook 16 oz. pkg. vermicelli spaghetti. Mix with veggies and 1 large bottle Zesty Italian salad dressing.

Serve chilled. Serves a lot!

Theresa Schultz



MEMBER NEWS

DP Lyle and **Jan Burke** have launched a new twice-monthly internet radio show called Crime and Science Radio on Suspense Radio/Blog Talk Radio with John Raab. Join them every other Saturday at 10 a.m., or catch the archived shows at a later date. Topics will include all things crime and science, both current and historical, as well as interviews with crime science professionals and writers of crime fiction. For more info, visit: <http://www.suspensemagazine.com/CrimeandScienceRadio.html>.



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Terri Nolan's upcoming appearance schedule includes Bouchercon in Albany, NY, 9/19 - 9/22 where she'll be on a panel titled "Storm Front: cutting edge reads." She'll also be on an industry panel at Big Orange Book Festival on 10/13, at the San Gabriel Library on 10/19, and at the San Juan Capistrano Library on 10/24. All appearances are free and open to the public. Please visit www.terrinnolan.com for further details.

From a Cop's Viewpoint: Investigations 101. A Writer's Guide to Creating Realistic Investigations, by member **M.A. Taylor** was recently released in e-book format through all major outlets. Visit M.A. Taylor's blog for writers with law enforcement questions at: <http://www.MATaylor1010.com>

Jill Amadio's debut mystery, *Digging Too Deep*, featuring Cornish-cussing Tosca Trevant, will be published by Mainly Murder Press in paperback with a release date of December 1, 2013.

D. P. Lyle's third Dub Walker thriller, *Run To Ground*, has won the Benjamin Franklin Silver Award in the Best Mystery/Suspense Category.



MYSTERY INK NEWS

Mystery Ink Bookstore, 8907 Warner Avenue, #135, Huntington Beach, (714) 960-4000
www.mysteryink.com. Coffee & Wi-Fi available.

Saturday, September 7, 11:00 a.m. - Gregg Hurwitz – *Tell No Lies*

International bestselling author, Gregg Hurwitz, will be discussing and signing his new novel, TELL NO LIES. A series of anonymous treats intended for others, puts a man - and everyone he loves - in the path of a relentless killer. "Stylish, elegant, and absolutely riveting! An unforgettable read." - Anne Rice

Saturday, September 14, 2:00 p.m. - Brian Ritt - *Paperback Confidential: Crime Writers of the Paperback Era*



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Edited by Rick Ollerman, the ultimate reference book for paperback writers of the 1930's - 1960's, profiles 132 of the men and women who wrote the books that became the backbone of the Pulp and Paperback Era including Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler. "...this is some of the finest non-fiction about the history of hardboiled fiction ever published. Every page contains a gem." Author/Editor Ed Gorman

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James Lee Burke – LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Janet Evanovich/Lee Goldberg – THE HEIST

Timothy Hallinan – CRASHED, LITTLE ELVISES, THE FEAR ARTIST

Lisa Brackmann – HOUR OF THE RAT

Dean Koontz – DEEPLY ODD

Ellen Crosby – MULTIPLE EXPOSURE

Anne Cleeland – MURDER IN THRALL

Rhys Bowen – HEIRS AND GRACES



UPCOMING CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, and EVENTS

September 19-22, 2013 – Bouchercon 2013

Albany, NY, at the Empire State Plaza. For more information, follow this link: [Bouchercon 2013 | A New York State of Crime](#)

October 11-13, 2013 – The Big Orange Book Festival

Chapman University, Orange, CA. For more information, visit www.bigorangebookfestival.com



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Support your local SinC chapter. Buy a lovely mug at the next meeting, and bring your novels for our Sister Share!



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!

If you have events coming up or announcements you want to make, let me know. Please send your contributions and suggestions to: ocsinc.newsletter@gmail.com. **The deadline is the 7th of each month!**



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