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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

Community Affairs meeting room on the northeast side of the parking lot. For directions, visit: [www.ocsistersincrime.org](http://www.ocsistersincrime.org). ([IRWD map](#))

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To join or renew your membership in our Sisters in Crime Chapter, you must also be a member of National. To renew your national membership, go to: [www.sistersincrime.org/](http://www.sistersincrime.org/). To renew for our chapter, go to: [www.ocsistersincrime.org/membership.htm](http://www.ocsistersincrime.org/membership.htm) and download the form, or fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and mail it in with your check. You can join national online or send your check to national to us, along with your check for our chapter.

**If you have not already done so, please renew your Sisters in Crime membership today!**



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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Here are the remaining meeting dates for 2014: Oct. 12, Nov. 23, and Dec. 14.

**October 12th at 1:30 p.m.** - **T. Jefferson Parker** will discuss his new book *Full Measure*. Protagonist Patrick Norris has seen the worst that Afghanistan has to offer punishing heat, bitter cold, and buddies blown away by bombs and snipers. He returns home exhilarated by his new freedom and eager to realize his dream of a sport fishing business. But the avocado ranch his family has owned for generations in the foothills of San Diego has been destroyed by a massive wildfire and the parents he loves are facing ruin. Patrick's dream will have to wait.

Parker won the Edgar for best mystery for *Silent Joe* (2001) and *California Girl* (2004) and, in 2008, he won another Edgar for best short story for *Skinhead Central*.

This meeting will be held at Mystery Ink Bookstore, 8907 Warner Avenue, #135, Huntington Beach, (714) 960-4000.

**November 23 at 2:00 p.m.** - We will celebrate those OC SinC members who have published a book this year. Snacks for the meeting.



**MEETING ROUNDUP**

**By Pat Broeske**

September guest speaker Tod Goldberg was frank and funny as he discussed his writing career and his latest book, the Las Vegas-set *Gangsterland*, which has received starred reviews from the Big Three *Publisher's Weekly*, *Booklist* and *Kirkus*. The latter called *Gangsterland* the jackpot.

From Counterpoint Press (distributed by Perseus Book Group), *Gangsterland* is about a Mafia hitman who has a community of Summerlin.



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Like his central character, Rabbi David Cohen aka Sal Cuperine Goldberg has done some reinventing during a writing career that spans a dozen books. Figure, he is the co-*Horny? Las Vegas: A Sexy, Steamy, Downright Sleazy Guide to Las Vegas*. The book does not warrant mention on his website.

Along with poking fun at the Vegas entry (one of two non-*Fake Liar Cheat*, which was also his debut novel, saying *Living Dead Girl*, a finalist for the *Los Angeles Times* Book

Goldman, a co-h  
Residency MFA Program in Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts at the University of California, Riverside, also spoke candidly about his adventures as a writer of tie-in books.

series, *Burn Notice*, he faced the daunting task of turning out 87,000 words in 67 days. He also had to immerse himself in Mi

Addressing the pros and cons of tie-in writing, he admitted that the pluses include the paycheck and the built-

*Gangsterland* had its origins in a short story he wrote for the 2008 anthology, *Las Vegas Noir* -turned-  
says Goldberg.

The original manuscript, which came in at 135,000 words, required months of editing with thousands of words

added. He also hopes to have underscored the consequences of crime a factor he feels too many writers ignore.

Goldberg plans to write a follow-up to *Gangsterland*. Meantime, CBS which optioned the short story that triggered the book is developing a series based on that story. Should it become a hit, there could be tie-in

like me,

Stay tuned.

*Note: To listen to Goldberg and co-hosts Julia Pistell and Rider Strong on Literary Disco, go to: [literarydisco.com](http://literarydisco.com).*



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**MEMBER NEWS**

**Cynthia Weitz** was gratified to receive a highly positive Kirkus review of her mystery, *Feisty Old Ladies*.

-loving fashionista

who likes to flirt and (gasp!) have sex. Through her nursing-home setting and conservator subplot, the author effectively exposes the vulnerabilities society. Weitz never lets this occasionally meandering narrative stay downbeat for long, however, and leaves readers looking forward to the next adventures featuring this lively, life-affirming protagonist. An affecting, Kirkus Reviews

You can visit her website at [www.feistyoldladies.com](http://www.feistyoldladies.com), or contact her at [Cynthia@feistyoldladies.com](mailto:Cynthia@feistyoldladies.com).

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<sup>th</sup> Blue Satan mystery, *Acts of Faith*, will be released November 1. *Acts of Faith* deals with the laws against Roman Catholics in early Georgian England and the secrets with which they were forced to live. Advance comments from authors:

*Acts of Faith I*

o anything else! Loved it! *Acts of Faith* is a keeper, combining just the right amount of period

**Kathy Lynn Emerson, Guest of Honor, Malice Domestic 2014 and  
Author of *Murder in the Queen's Wardrobe* (spring 2015)**

*Acts of Faith.*

ds herself and her path.

With a few opening sentences, Wynn sweeps the reader into her imagined world. This is a big, deliciously

**Carolyn Haines, Award-winning Author of the Sarah Booth Delaney  
Mississippi Delta mysteries.**



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**Oct. 14, at 7 p.m.** - T Jefferson Parker will be the featured author at the Pen on Fire Speakers Series, in conversation with Sisters in Crime member Barbara DeMarco-Barrett. Mystery Ink will be on hand to sell books. For more information, or to register, visit [www.penonfire.com/speakerseries](http://www.penonfire.com/speakerseries).

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**D.P. Lyle** has the following event coming up:

October 26, 2014, 3 p.m. D.P. Lyle will be signing *Original Sin* at Book Carnival Book in Orange. 348 S. Tustin Street, Orange, CA, [714-538-3210](tel:714-538-3210) For info, go to: <http://www.annesbookcarnival.com>.

Coming Up on Crime and Science Radio with DP Lyle and Jan Burke:

**10-18-14:** Inside The Creative Mind: An Interview With Psychotherapist, Screenwriter, and Novelist Dennis Palumbo

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**Dmitri Ragano's** short story "The Guardians" was a finalist in the Little Tokyo Short Story contest, run by the Little Tokyo Historical Society in Downtown LA.

His novel *The Fugitive Grandma* has gained over 800,000 "reads", 9,000 votes and 7,300 followers on Wattpad, the world's largest social reading network.

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**Michael McQuade** has a new book out title *Sinking Wall Street*. supertankers sank in the Middle East and off the coast of Venezuela, the stock markets of the world headed in the same direction. Only days before a major depression strikes, Nathen Foster, troubleshooter for the SEC, climbs aboard a jet and heads to São Paulo, Brazil. He joins forces with Interpol agent Armando Schmidt to track down those responsible.



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## ***MYSTERY INK NEWS***

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

**Sunday, October 12th at 1:30 p.m.** - **T. Jefferson Parker** will discuss his new book *Full Measure*.

**Saturday, October 25th, 11:00 a.m.** - Launch Party with CAKE! Linda O. Johnston will be signing the first book in her new series, *Lost Under a Ladder*, published by Midnight Ink.



## ***UPCOMING CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, and EVENTS***

**Bouchercon 2014: Murder at the Beach.** November 13-16 in Long Beach, CA. For more information, go to:  
<http://www.bouchercon2014.com/>.



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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](mailto:ocsinc.newsletter@gmail.com). **The deadline is the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month!**



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Send the completed form with both checks, \$40 payable to Sisters in Crime (National) and \$25 payable to Sisters in Crime, OC to:

**Membership**

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Please print all information and list your name as you want it listed in the Membership Directory.

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