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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

We meet at the Irvine Ranch Water District in the Community Affairs meeting room on the northeast side of the parking lot. For directions, visit: www.ocsistersincrime.org. ([IRWD map](#))

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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/. To renew for our chapter, go to: 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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The next meeting will be held on Feb. 22. Meetings for the remainder of the year will be held on Mar. 22, Apr. 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug. 23, Oct. 25, and Nov. 22. Our holiday meeting will be held at Mystery Ink on Dec. 13th. There will be no meeting in September; instead, we will host our second Ladies of Intrigue program on Oct. 3rd. Please mark your calendars.

Snack duty will be on a rotating basis. The following people have agreed to bring the snack for these meetings:

Feb: Pat Broeske
March: Aileen Jue
April: Donna Lear
May: Colleen Dempsey
June: Jack Martin
July: Shawn Nelson
Aug: Jill Amadio
Sept: NO MEETING (LOI the next weekend)
Oct: Gita Fisher
Nov: Theresa Schultz
Dec: Potluck



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday, Feb. 22 at 2:00 p.m. – Our Annual Forensics Fest Continues

Our speakers will be **David Putnam and Richard Rodriguez.**

David Putnam always wanted to be a cop, and his career in law enforcement has spanned over 30 years. He has worked in narcotics, served on FBI-sponsored violent crimes teams, and was cross-sworn as a U.S. Marshall, pursuing murder suspects and bank robbers in Arizona, Nevada, and California. Putnam did three tours on the San Bernardino County Sheriff's S.W.A.T. team, executing dynamic entries, hostage rescues, and serving as team sniper. He has also worked in Criminal Intelligence and Internal Affairs and has supervised corrections, patrol, and a detective bureau. After 28 years of California law enforcement, Putnam moved to Hawaii where he worked as a Special Agent for the Attorney General investigating smuggling and white-collar crimes.

Putnam is now retired and lives in Southern California where he farms organic avocado trees, reads and writes, and attends writers' conferences with his wife and fellow writer, Mary. *The Replacements* follows *The Disposables* in Putnam's Bruno Johnson series.



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Richard Rodriguez currently serves as a Chief Training Officer with the Coroner Division of the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department. He has been with the Coroner's Division since 1981 and has held positions as Forensic Assistant, Deputy Coroner Investigator, Senior Deputy Coroner, Field Training Officer, Advanced Officer Training Instructor, Supervising Deputy, Supervisor of Forensic Operations and Training Coordinator. After receiving his certificate in Fire Science from Rancho Santiago College he continued his course work in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Supervision and was the first Deputy Coroner Peace Officer to attend the prestigious P.O.S.T. Supervisory Leadership Institute Class 96.

Mr. Rodriguez is a Diplomat of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigations and holds the Coroner's P.O.S.T. Advanced and Supervisory Certificates. In 2012 Mr. Rodriguez graduated from the Orange County Sheriff's Academy as a Level II Reserve Deputy Sheriff currently assigned to Community Programs as a Drug Liaison Officer. He comes from a generation of Law Enforcement his father Frank M. Rodriguez is a retired Santa Ana Police officer and first Hispanic officer to be hired with SAPD.



LADIES OF INTRIGUE

Want to be involved in the sequel to our successful 2014 Ladies of Intrigue? Then please plan to attend our 2015 LOI planning meeting at **1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 22.**

The meeting will be held at our usual gathering place – the Community Room of the Irvine Ranch Water District – in anticipation of our regular monthly meeting, which will begin at 2 p.m.

Our 2015 LOI is scheduled for Saturday, October 3 at Hotel Huntington Beach (site of our debut LOI), and will again feature a roster of notable women mystery writers, a luncheon, raffle baskets and author signings.

Already, we're pleased to have the participation of Catriona McPherson, author of the Dandy Gilver detective series and stand alones including "The Day She Died," one of this year's Edgar nominees (for best paperback original). Catriona is also Sisters in Crime national president.

And the popular Sue Ann Jaffarian, author of books including the Odelia Grey mystery series and the Granny Apples mystery series, has just agreed to come aboard.

We're currently soliciting other authors – and assistance, in putting together what already looks to be a terrific event.

For this meeting, we'd like your imaginations to run wild. Our plans for panels include a Cozy Panel, a YA Panel, and an as-yet-unnamed panel. Who would you like to meet and hear? We also need one more main



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speaker. Who gets your vote? Come prepared to give ideas!

Join us in working towards a great 2015 LOI.



MEETING ROUNDUP

Forensics Fest got off to a rollicking start with members of the Canine Search and Rescue Team. Tre, a husky owned and trained by Peggy Orr and Polly, a bloodhound owned and trained by Richard Davis, demonstrated their skill at finding people, both off leash and on.

Rescue dogs are different from police dogs, who are trained to take a person down. Rescue dogs are trained to find people and/or remains, alert their human search team, and then get out of the way without disturbing the scene. Some are trained solely as cadaver dogs, some only for live finds, some for both. That is up to the owner. Training generally takes from 18 months to two years. Finding out what motivates the dog is key to training it.

Searches for missing persons are comprised almost entirely by volunteers, who agree to be available 24/7. Tracking dogs like Polly stay on the trail, while trailing dogs like Tre follow the scent, even if the wind blows it away. Tre and Polly demonstrated their skills, finding both “remains” hidden by their handlers and two OC SinC members who had lost their way. For more information on these fascinating animals and the important job they and their handlers do, go to: info.southwestsearchdogs.org.



MEMBER NEWS

Terri Nolan's *Glass Houses*, the second in the Birdie Keane series, has been nominated for The Rose for the best mystery novel set in the LLC region. The award will be voted on at Left Coast Crime in March.

SinC member, Orange County Noir/USA noir contributor, and host of Writers on Writing, **Barbara DeMarco-Barrett**, is holding summer writing retreats and getaways in Palm Springs in June. If you'd like more information, email her at penonfire@earthlink.net. 10% discount for SinC members.



D.P. Lyle has several upcoming events, including:

Southern California Writers Association
Saturday, **February 21, 2015**
Huntington Beach, CA
“Voice: Whose Story Is It?”
<http://www.ocwriter.com>

La Habra Public Library
March 21, 2015, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
221 E. La Habra Blvd
La Habra, CA 90631
<http://ocpl.org/libloc/habra/calendar>
Info: [562-694-0078](tel:562-694-0078)

And he will be appearing with **Jan Burke** at the following events:

Placentia Library Annual Author’s Luncheon
Authors: **DP Lyle and Jan Burke**
Saturday, **March 7, 2015, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm**
Alta Vista Country Club
777 E. Alta Vista Street
Placentia, CA 92870
Ticket Info: Bunny Lynch [714-933-2287](tel:714-933-2287) or
Marian Kalman [714-996-8682](tel:714-996-8682)

Fullerton Public Library
Sunday, **March 29, 2015, 1:30 p.m.**
“Crime and Science: How Do Scientist Solve Crimes and How Does Hollywood Get It Wrong?”
253 W. Commonwealth Ave. Fullerton, CA
[714-738-6383](tel:714-738-6383)
<http://fullertonlibrary.org>



MYSTERY INK NEWS

Sunday, February 15th, 3:00 p.m. – Karla Tipton – *Dangerous Reflections*

Former Antelope Valley Press staff writer and editor, Karla Tipton, announces the release of her second historical fantasy novel, *Dangerous Reflections*, a time travel mystery involving a modern-day college graduate



student, who stumbles into a world of magic mirrors, evil wizards, and English alchemy and discovers love along the way. *Dangerous Reflections* follows the release of Tipton's first romantic fantasy, *Rings of Passage*, a historical time travel novel featuring England's King Richard III.

Set in present-day Pennsylvania and Edwardian London, Martie Harris is a university graduate student in psychology who inherits a magic wand and seeks to solve a mystery left in a letter by her dying grandmother. With the help of her former Ph.D. advisor, the dark wizard Marcus Cirksena, Martie time travels through the aid of magic and mirrors to London in 1910, where she attempts to save her grandmother by stealing the Philosopher's Stone and its life-giving elixir from a handsome wizard named Alastor.

Outside Events:

Saturday, February 21st – David Putnam – *The Reflections* Launch Party! Food!

Come help us celebrate David's newest Bruno Johnson thriller! Based on 30+ years in law enforcement. RSVP: Sheri (call or text) 909-472-2380, Laverne, CA

Saturday, March 7th, Placentia Library Annual Author's Luncheon

Speakers: **D.P. Lyle** and **Jan Burke** - Ticket Info: Bunny Lynch [714-933-2287](tel:714-933-2287)

Check out our sidewalk sale!

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

San Clemente Friends of the Library Presents **The Fifteenth Annual Meet the Authors Luncheon**

Saturday, February 14, 2015

Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa
25135 Park Lantern Dana Point, CA 92629

\$60.00 p/p ... Reservations, contact Alma Savage: (949) 493-5504

Tables of 10, 11 or 12 people available.

Valet Parking - \$13.00 p/car plus tip. Carpool suggested.

Participating Authors: Tod Goldberg, Michelle Latiolais, and Eduardo Santiago

For all you lovers of books...Do we have a Valentine's Day planned for you filled with Mystery, Relationships & Love with Award Winning Authors who will take you on a journey you won't forget all while indulging your



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taste buds with Laguna Cliffs Marriott's delicious Valentine's Day cuisine prepared especially for you. Discussions with Goldberg, Latiolais' and Santiago take place in the beautiful setting of the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa over-looking the Dana Point Harbor. Plan a special day for your Mother or Father or surprise the Writer-To-Be in your family with this rare up close and intimate opportunity with three widely acclaimed authors.

Left Coast Crime

Registration is still open for "Crimelandia," this year's annual Left Coast Crime mystery convention, to be held **March 12-15 in Portland, OR.**

Sponsored by and for mystery fans, "Crimelandia" will feature a roster of author-reader panels and other events. Guest of honor is Tim Hallinan, author of 16 published novels including the Poke Rafferty and Junior Bender series – and a former OC SinC guest speaker.

OC SinC members who will be attending include Aileen Baron, Gayle Carline, Pat H. Broeske, and Terri Nolan, whose book *Glass Houses* is nominated for The Rose for the best mystery novel set in the LLC region.

For information go to <http://www.leftcoastcrime.org/2015/>



Support your local SinC chapter. Buy a mug at the next meeting, and donate 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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Print and complete this form. **NOTE: YOU MUST ALSO JOIN SISTERS IN CRIME NATIONAL TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER.**

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

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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Day Phone:

Evening Phone:

Email: I am a (check all that apply):

Mystery Writer Published Unpublished

Writer in other fields Published Unpublished

Screenwriter

--Produced: Features TV/Cable Other

Reviewer Agent Bookseller Librarian Reader

I would like to help with (check all that apply):

Publicity Refreshments Speakers Raffle Other: