



# ORANGE HERRING

**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. For directions, visit: [www.ocsistersincrime.org](http://www.ocsistersincrime.org). ([IRWD map](#))

**"IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT NEITHER SUPPORTS NOR ENDORSES THE CAUSE NOR ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZATIONS WHICH USE THE DISTRICT'S MEETING ROOMS THAT ARE MADE AVAILABLE AS A PUBLIC SERVICE"**



## ***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/](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**

In 2014, we will be meeting on the fourth Sunday of every month, with the exception of December. Here are the remaining dates: Apr. 27, May 25, Jun. 29, Jul. 27, Aug. 24, Sep. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, and Dec. 14.

Our next meeting is **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin at **2:00 pm** with a reader's forum, which will explore the use of technology in thrillers & mysteries. We'll discuss the pros and cons of its use.

**At 3:00 pm**, our featured speaker will be OC SinC member **Terry Ambrose**, who will discuss scams and cons, how he uses them in his writing, and the traits of both con artist and victim.

It's no secret that Americans 65 and older are frequently targeted by scammers. From fake medical service alert companies to Medicare scams to work-at-home scams aimed at those who might want to earn a few extra dollars, the opportunities to become a victim are abundant. Terry's presentation is titled, "Staying Ahead of the Con." It provides quick tips to help stay safe while using the Internet, recognize email scams, and avoid telephone scams. This talk will also incorporate the topic of using scams and unreliable narrators in fiction.

Terry Ambrose started out skip tracing and collecting money from deadbeats and quickly learned that liars come from all walks of life. He never actually stole a car, but sometimes hired big guys with tow trucks and a penchant for working in the dark to "help" when negotiations failed.

A resident of Southern California, he loves spending time in Hawaii, especially on the Garden Island of Kauai, where he invents lies for others to read. His years of chasing deadbeats taught him many valuable life lessons such as—always keep your car in the garage. Terry's books include *License to Lie*, *Photo Finish* and *Kauai Temptations*.



**LADIES OF INTRIGUE**

Our first ever Ladies of Intrigue event was a huge success. **Cara Black** and **Rhys Bowen** headlined the event. Cara did a wonderful job as a last minute substitute for an ailing Carolyn Hart, and Rhys Bowen proved herself to be cool and calm, even when her address was momentarily interrupted by an earthquake.

The following talented women writers shared their stories, insight, and advice with the audience: Jill Amadio, Cara Black, Lisa Brackmann, Jan Burke, Kim Fay, Naomi Hirahara, Tammy Kaehler, Sheila Lowe, Jeanne Matthews, Jeri Westerson, and Patricia Wynn. Moderators were Aileen Baron, Terri Nolan, and Patricia Smiley.



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Many thanks to the committee members who worked hard to make the event come together: Jill Amadio, Terry Ambrose, Aileen Baron, Pat H. Broeske, Gayle Carline, Gita Fisher, Joan Hansen, Diane Hemme, Donna Lear, Jack Martin, Debbie Mitsch, Theresa Schultz, and Patricia Wynn. Debbie deserves an extra mention for all the hours she put into making the event a success. She assisted Aileen and Gayle with the application for the grant from national and contacted most of the speakers. Debbie found the excellent venue for the event, carted the author's books to the hotel, and cleaned up afterward. And special thanks to Joan Hansen, whose guidance was invaluable.



Left to right: OC SinC President Gayle Carline with keynote speakers Cara Black and Rhys Bowen and past President Aileen Baron



Left to right: Panelists Terri Nolan, Lisa Brackmann, Jeri Westerson, Patricia Wynn, Patricia Smiley and Tammy Kaehler



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Debbie Mitsch, owner of Mystery Ink, with OC SinC President Gayle Carline



Left to right: Authors Patricia Wynn, Jeri Westerson, Naomi Hirahara, Jan Burke, and Patricia Smiley



**MEMBER NEWS**

Here is the schedule for the next two shows on Crime and Science Radio with DP Lyle and Jan Burke:

**4-19-14: When Disaster Hits: Naming The Dead: An Interview With NTSB's Paul Sledzik**

**5-3-14: A New Lab, A New Approach to Forensic Science: An Interview with Dr. Max M. Houck, Director of the Washington D.C. Department of Forensic Sciences**



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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.

Store Events:

**Saturday, April 19, 11:00 am - Eleanor Kuhns**, author of the historical Will Rees mystery series, will be signing and talking about her latest book, DEATH OF A DYER. **Kuhns** is the 2011 winner of the Minotaur Books/Mystery Writers of America First Crime Novel competition. She lives in New York, received her master's in Library Science from Columbia University, and is currently the Assistant Director at the Goshen Public Library in Orange County, New York.

**Sunday, April 27, 12:00 pm - Naomi Hirahara & Sue Ann Jaffarian**

Naomi Hirahara (MURDER ON BAMBOO LANE) and Sue Ann Jaffarian (GHOST OF A GAMBLE) will be talking about and signing their latest books.

**Edgar-Award winning author, Hirahara's** first book in her new series features LAPD bicycle cop Ellie Rush who dreams of becoming a homicide detective. It's a shock, however, when the first dead body she encounters on the job is that of a former college classmate. She soon becomes tangled in the investigation of the coed's murder with help from seemingly everyone in her extended family...only to uncover secrets that a killer may go to any lengths to ensure stay hidden.

In **Sue Ann Jaffarian's** fourth book in her Ghost of Granny Apples Mystery Series, Emma's mentor, the famous psychic Milo Ravenscroft, asks her to come to Las Vegas to lend him a hand. But no one expected to be caught between the warring ghosts of old Vegas hoods.

Outside Events:

**L.A. Times Festival of Books, April 12-13, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm @ USC.**

Mystery Ink will have booth #376 between the So Cal Mystery Writers of America and the L.A. Sisters in Crime booths. Please join us for our numerous signings by many Award-Winning and Bestselling authors.



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**Author Signing Schedule**

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am to 11:00 am - **Sue Ann Jaffarian, Peter James, Patricia Wynn**

11:00 am to 12:00 pm - **Lisa See, Neal Shusterman/Eric Elfman, Stuart Woods**

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm - **Matt Coyle, Robert S. Levinson**

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm - **Susan Goldstein, Gary Phillips, David Putnam**

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm - **Tod Goldberg, Laura Levine, Michael Robertson**

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm - **Steph Cha, Kim Fay, Linda O. Johnston**

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm - **Aileen Baron, Darrell James, Terri Nolan**

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm - **Janie Chodosh, Laurie Stevens, Diane Vallere**

**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am to 11:00 am - **Bill Durham, Mark Haskell Smith, Stephanie Stolinsky**

11:00 am to 12:00 pm - **T.C. Boyle, Sheila Lowe, Lisa Scottoline**

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm - **Lee Goldberg, T. Jefferson Parker**

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm - **Cara Black, Kwei Quartey**

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm - **Naomi Hirahara, Kem Nunn**

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm - **Stephen Buehler, Ed Kovacs**

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm - **Don Passman, Jeri Westerson**



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

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**Donald Maass Workshop: WRITING THE BREAKOUT NOVEL Sat., June 7, 2014, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

The New York/TriState Chapter of Sisters in Crime is presenting a DONALD MAASS WORKSHOP: WRITING THE BREAKOUT NOVEL, an intensive, hands-on workshop for fiction writers who want to take their fiction to the next level. By teaching the techniques that make any story feel big, Mr. Maass shows writers how to get there. Participants should bring a WIP and writing materials. The workshop, which includes continental breakfast, two coffee breaks, and a box lunch, is only \$60 for members of Sisters in Crime. It will be held in Greenwich Village near Union Square in Manhattan. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION contact Catherine at [cmaiorisi@gmail.com](mailto:cmaiorisi@gmail.com) . TO REGISTER: Mail a check made out to "Sisters in Crime New York/Tri-State" to Peggy Ehrhart, 168 Park Avenue, Leonia, New Jersey 07605. Include the following information: Name, address, e-mail address, and SinC chapter name.



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



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**SISTERS IN CRIME ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER**

**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:**

**Membership**

**Sisters in Crime, Orange County**

**P.O. Box 53132**

**Irvine, CA 92619-3132**

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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

**New**       **Renewal Name: Address:**

**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:**