



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 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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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday February 26, 2:00 p.m. --

Our guest speaker will be Rebecca Forster. She writes of herself: "I earned my B.A. in English at Loyola, Chicago and my MBA at Loyola/Marymount in Los Angeles. For fourteen years, I was an account supervisor in advertising agencies. Then, on a crazy dare, I wrote my first book and found my passion. Today, instead of putting on a power suit in the morning, I set my computer up in a wonderful neighborhood coffee shop where I write for hours. When I'm not at my favorite table writing, I am speaking to bar associations, philanthropic groups and books clubs. I also volunteer at the local hospital as a patient/family advisor and work with The Young Writers Conference to bring the joy of writing back into the middle school classroom. I've also been an

instructor at writing conferences in Hyannis Port, and Oklahoma, Southern California including the famed UCLA Writers Program. I have traveled over 170,000 miles and visited over 110 cities in 21 countries. One of my favorite trips was close to home, when I spent two days on the USS Nimitz – landing on the aircraft carrier deck by tail hook. Today, I'm a Top Contributor on TripAdvisor.com because it gives me the opportunity to combine the two things I love: travel and writing." Her husband is a superior court judge and helps her when she needs to research crucial scenes for her legal thrillers.

MEETING ROUNDUP

By Jack Martin

At the last meeting we had two brilliant guest speakers: Michael A. Hidalgo, Senior Special Agent with the ATFE (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives), L.A. Field Division, Joint Terrorism Task Force; and author-story consultant-O.C. cardiologist D.P. Lyle. Hidalgo who talked arson investigations; discussing the physical effects of smoke inhalation, burns, etc. Mr. Lyle has written several books on forensics and mystery writing. Everyone agreed that it was worth braving the torrential rains to hear these speakers. In discussing arson, Mr. Hidalgo stressed that if someone is killed in a deliberately set fire, it is not necessary to show intent to kill in order to charge the arsonist with homicide. He discussed at length the fascinating case of fireman arsonist John Orr (of the Glendale Fire Dept.). Doug Lyle discussed at length how the medical examiner/coroner can aid the solution of arson cases; among other things, mentioned that bodies burn better in cars than in houses; that when a body is found in a fire the question is: was it dead or alive when fire started. No matter how intense the fire, the teeth usually survive, and provide useful DNA data.

MEMBER NEWS

Greta Boris has signed with Fawkes Press for the first two books in her 7 Deadly Sins suspense series. Book 1, *A Margin of Lust*, is scheduled to be released in June 2017. The second book, *The Scent of Wrath*, will be released later in the year.

Gayle Carline and Jack Martin received the following message from National Sisters in Crime which will be of interest to many members:

"This is a reminder that requests for the Speakers Bureau 2018 are now being accepted. We've got a roster of terrific speakers, all SinC members and award winners and/or best-sellers, and as in previous years, SinC National will provide them to chapters as teachers, presenters, or seminar leaders. If your chapter didn't have a speaker in 2016 and isn't scheduled to have one in 2017 or 2018, you're eligible to participate. Here's how.

Chapter presidents or programming chairs may visit the main Speakers Bureau page, read about the program and proceed to the application from there (it's linked on the page and available in the "More" drop down, or you can access the form directly here Speakers Bureau Request Form (it is members only so don't forget to sign-in before clicking this link). Choose three authors you'd be interested in hosting from the drop down menu, as well as three possible dates for your event, and submit the form.

Once your application is received, you'll receive notification that it's being processed. We will review each chapter's eligibility, then check with the speakers and assign one who is available for the dates you have requested. If that works for you, we'll connect you and your speaker so you can work out logistics at the chapter level. Right now, 10 chapters can get a speaker in 2018 (two slots have already been filled from last year's overflow), with the rest of the applications going into the queue for 12 speaker slots in 2019.

MYSTERY INK NEWS

Mystery Ink Bookstore, 8907 Warner Avenue, #135, Huntington Beach, (714) 960-4000
NEW HOURS – Wednesday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
www.mysteryink.com. Coffee & Wi-Fi available.

2017 Events:

**Saturday, February 25, 11 a.m. - San Clemente Friends of the Library
Annual Author Luncheon, Speakers: Catriona McPherson, Alex Espinoza,
Kim Hooper. For reservations: Alma Savage at (949) 453-5504**

**Sunday, March 19, 11 a.m. - Anaheim Library 22nd Annual Mystery Luncheon and Auction,
Sheraton Park Hotel at the Anaheim Resort, w/Sue Ann Jaffarian, Naomi Hirahara, Sheila Lowe and
Daryl Gerber Woods. For Information contact Ginny Gardner at ginnygardner340@gmail.com.**

April 22 – 23, Los Angeles Times Festival of Books, USC campus

Friday, May 19, Orange County Literary Luncheon w/April Smith. Save The Date! Further information to follow.

Sunday, October 1, Ladies of Intrigue Luncheon, Embassy Hotel, Tustin

Mystery Conferences:

March 16 – 19, Left Coast Crime, Hawaii, USA

April 28 – 30, Malice Domestic, Maryland, USA

May 18 – 21, Crimefest, Bristol, England

July 11 – 15, Thrillerfest, New York, USA

October 12- 15, Bouchercon, World Mystery Conference, Toronto, Canada

UPCOMING EVENTS



Support your local SinC chapter. Buy a mug at the next meeting, and donate books for our raffle!

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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To become a member of SinC National (\$40 **ACTIVE***, or \$50 **PROFESSIONAL****) go to: <http://www.sistersincrime.org>; See "Become a Member" at the top of the opening page.

To join SinC O.C., send the completed form, below, with a \$25 check, payable to Sisters in Crime, to: Membership, Sisters in Crime O.C., 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.

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Name:

Address:

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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:**

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