



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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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 24 September. A readers' forum will take place at 2:00. The topic of the forum will be psychological suspense. At 3:00, our guest speaker will be Kaira Rouda. A USA Today best-selling author, her titles span contemporary fiction (including the popular five-book Laguna Beach series of romances), a how-to for women entrepreneurs – based on a personal and business branding process she developed – and her latest, the domestic suspense thriller, "Best Day Ever." Publisher's Weekly calls "Best Day Ever," "A tensely written, shocking book that will hold readers on the edge of their seats to the very last page." It's from Harlequin's new imprint, Graydon House. Kaira has also written "Real You for Authors: 8 Essentials for Women Writers."

MEETING ROUNDUP

By Jack Martin

We had talks by Sarah Skilton and Kristen Kittscher.

The author of two YA novels, Sarah's first adult title is the just-out "Club Deception" (Grand Central), a romantic mystery thriller set in the world of magicians, and an underground magic club. (Psst. Sarah is married to a professional magician). Romantic Times made the book a "top pick," noting, "Her delightfully unique murder-mystery subverts genre and gender expectations, twisting power imbalances, providing plenty of strong, complex female relationships, while keeping the whole tone smart, snappy and fresh."

Kristen is a YA author who used her hometown of Pasadena – famed for the Rose Parade – as inspiration for her latest novel, "The Tiara on the Terrace" (Harper Children's). She previously wrote the bestselling tween mystery "The Wig in the Window." Of her new book, School Library Journal says, "This action-packed mystery will have readers on the edge of their seats while at the same time reflecting on the ups and downs of friendship and the insecurities that come along with being a tween."



MEMBER NEWS

Greta Boris has the following significant news:

Aspiring to Author: A guide for your publishing career

There's no single "right" way to publish. Forge your best path for publishing success with the upcoming release from Greta Boris and Megan Haskell.

Aspiring to Author will help you:

- Discover your publishing personality
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- Book Production Budget Template
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Plus, be the first to hear about launch dates and release discounts!

For **Terry Ambrose**, September 21 was the release date for the first Seaside Cove Bed & Breakfast Mystery. “A Treasure to Die For” is a cozy mystery in which A sunken Spanish galleon brings eight treasure hunters—and murder—to quaint Seaside Cove.

MYSTERY INK NEWS

Ms. Diana Dallape wants to remind everyone to purchase tickets for the Ladies of Intrigue event: Sunday, October 1st, 2017. 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Double Tree by Hilton (across from the John Wayne Airport), 201 East MacArthur Blvd., Santa Ana, Ca.

Saturday, September 23, 4:00 p.m. – Nancy Boyarsky at Mystery Ink

THE BEQUEST – Talk & Signing

Nicole Graves is struggling to balance work at L.A.’s most prestigious law firm and a long-distance romance with her English lover. Things go sideways when she tracks down a missing colleague. The murder of the firm’s in-house investigator, his mysterious wealth, and his inexplicable bequest make Nicole a target for the police, the paparazzi, and the killer. The fast-paced mystery unravels against the backdrop of L.A. with its peculiar mix of balmy weather, the celebrity-crazed media, and a corrupt power structure.

Check our website for upcoming mystery conferences! mysteryink.com
Mystery Ink, 8907 Warner Avenue, #135, Huntington Beach, CA (714) 960-4000

UPCOMING EVENTS

2017 Events:

Sunday, October 1, Ladies of Intrigue Luncheon, Double Tree by Hilton (across

from John Wayne Airport), 201 East MacArthur Blvd., Santa Ana, Ca.

Headliners: Marcia Clark, Wendy Corsi Staub and Barbara DeMarco-Barratt

Panelist: Jill Amadio, Greta Boris, Naomi Hirahara, Sybil Johnson, Elizabeth Little, Nadine Nettmann, Kaira Rouda, Alexandra Sokoloff, Patricia Wynn, Pamela Samuels Young, Jeri Westerson, Carola Dunn

Mystery Conferences:

Ladies of Intrigue event at Santa Ana's Double Tree by Hilton (across from John Wayne Airport), 201 East MacArthur Blvd., Santa Ana, Ca. on October 1st.

Tickets: \$65.00 nonmembers; \$60.00 SIC members.

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



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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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