



### **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](http://www.ocsistersincrime.org) ([IRWD map](#))

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### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Sunday January 22nd, 2:00 p.m. --**

We're kicking off the year with our annual Forensics Fest. The topic is arson.

Our guests (so far) are: 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 will talk arson investigations; Lyle will discuss the physical effects of smoke inhalation, burns, etc. Mr. Lyle has written several books on forensics and mystery writing. It should be a good one!

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## MEETING ROUNDUP

By Jack Martin

Last meeting was our annual Festivus Celebration. After the traditional Airing of Grievances, drinks were passed around. I believe mine was roofied. Next thing I clearly remember was waking up in a cheap hotel on a sagging bed next to a naked dead woman with blood on my hands. I found myself muttering, “Not again.” I knew this had to be some kind of frame-up; I have had black-outs before, but only occasionally do I find I’ve committed acts of violence during them. Given my prior tense relations with the law, I had no choice but to bury her out in the high desert. Don’t worry, it was done most respectfully. Now I am on a mission to find the real killer before the law catches up to me; so I’ll be hard to contact for the next month or so.

## 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.

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**Jill Amadio**, our lovely and talented member from Cornwall, is quite busy. She is giving a talk to a book club in Newport Beach on the latest title in her series, *DIGGING UP THE DEAD*, which is set on Balboa Island and opens with Raymond Chandler's re-burial. Wednesday January 25, 6 p.m. MeetUp.com/classygirlsbookclub. At the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, Newport Beach. In addition, she will be a panelist at Mystery on the Menu event at the Cerritos Library. Saturday January 28. 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. <http://www.mystgalaxy.com/event/mystery-menu-cerritos-library-0128>

## 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](http://www.mysteryink.com). Coffee & Wi-Fi available.

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**2017 Events:**

**Thursday, January 19, 6 p.m. - Pen On Fire Salon, Corona Del Mar**

**Speaker - Joshua Mohr, contact: [barbarademarcobarrett.com/speakers-series/](http://barbarademarcobarrett.com/speakers-series/)**

**Sunday, January 22, 2 p.m. – O.C. Sisters in Crime Forensic Fest/Arson**

**w/D.P. Lyle and Senior Special Agent Michael A. Hidalgo, ATFE, L.A. Field Division**

**Sunday, February 12, 3 p.m. - Betty Webb at Mystery Ink**

**Betty Webb will be discussing and signing her new Lena Jones mystery, DESERT VENGEANCE**

**“Webb, no stranger to hot-button issues (Desert Wind, 2012, etc.), takes on child molestation in a page-turner that presents both her flawed heroine and the reader with plenty of challenges to their moral codes.” KIRKUS**

**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**

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

**Saturday, May 13, Literary Build of Orange County, Irvine, [lgoc.org](http://lgoc.org)**

**Festival of Women Authors, [www.lgoc.org](http://www.lgoc.org)**

**Sunday, October 1, Ladies of Intrigue Luncheon, Orange County**

**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***

# ORANGE HERRING

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

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**Screenwriter**

--Produced:     Features     TV/Cable     Other

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