



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 27 August. A board meeting will take place at 1:00, followed by a readers' forum at 2:00. The topic of the forum will be books we read as youths that were perhaps not appropriate, or while considered inappropriate then would not be so considered today. After that, we will have talks by authors 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.”

MEETING ROUNDUP

By Jack Martin

We had a joint event between Sisters in Crime of Orange County and the local branch of Mystery Writers of America. After we have all gorged ourselves in a manner that would revolt the characters on “Game of Thrones”, we were privileged to be given a presentation on electronic fraud/crime by Ms. Gina L. Osborn. Ms. Osborn began her law enforcement career in 1986 by enlisting in the U.S. Army as a Counterintelligence Special Agent. She spent six years in Belgium and Germany during the Cold War working the highest profile espionage cases in the European Theater. During Operation Desert Storm, Ms. Osborn actively participated in the investigation of United States Army artillery specialist Albert Sambolay, a soldier who attempted to sell sensitive materials to include troop deployment information to individuals from the Middle East. As a result of this investigation, Sambolay was convicted of committing espionage and was sentenced to 34 years in prison. In 1996, Ms. Osborn became a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She was assigned to the Los Angeles Field Office with duty in the Santa Ana Resident Agency. Ms. Osborn worked closely on a task force with detectives from the Westminster Police Department to investigate Asian Organized Crime in the Little Saigon District of Orange County, California. As a result of her efforts, several Asian Criminal Enterprises involved in violent crimes including extortion, loan sharking, drug trafficking and murder for hire were disrupted and dismantled. On September 11, 2001, Ms. Osborn was reassigned to work on international terrorism matters. In 2003, she was promoted to the position of Counterterrorism Program Coordinator for the Los Angeles Division of the FBI. She later supervised the Extraterritorial Squad which was responsible for conducting terrorism investigations against U.S. persons and U.S. interests in Asia, India and Australia. After working in Los Angeles, Ms. Osborn was promoted and assigned to the Inspection Division at FBI Headquarters. She led teams in the review and assessment of investigative programs in field offices and Headquarters’ entities. Ms. Osborn specialized in inspecting International Terrorism and Cyber Programs and collaborated with the Cyber Division at FBI Headquarters to improve operations nationwide. She has our sincerest thanks for taking the time

to visit us.

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
- Understand the pros and cons of each publishing path
- Create macro and micro goals leading to publication
- Think like an author-preneur
- Build your platform
- Navigate your marketing options

Visit www.aspiringtoauthor.com today and receive our Pro-author Packet:

- Publishing Personality Quiz
- Publishing Personality Comparison Chart
- Book Production Budget Template
- Pitch Tracker Spreadsheet
- Marketing Budget Template

Plus, be the first to hear about launch dates and release discounts!

Our very own representative of British culture and sophistication, **Ms. Jill Amadio**, has appeared in a blog and in an article in *MysteryPeople*, a magazine that is published under the protection of her Majesty, HRH Elizabeth II. Jill Amadio hails from Cornwall, U.K., like the character in her crime series. Amadio was a reporter in Spain, Colombia, Thailand, and the U.S. She is a true crime author, ghosted a thriller, writes a column for *Mystery People* ezine, and freelances for *My Cornwall* magazine. She is a member of Mystery Writers of America, Sisters in Crime, *Mystery People* and the Crime Writers Association UK. She lives in Southern California. You can check out the whole article at <http://bit.ly/2qZ1Wiz>

For **Terry Ambrose**, September 21 is 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. Embassy Suites, 1325 East Dyer Road, Santa Ana, CA

Saturday, August 26, 6:00 p.m. – T. Jefferson Parker

THE ROOM OF WHITE FIRE – Talk & Signing

Roland Ford—once a Marine, then a cop, now a private investigator—is good at finding people. But when he’s asked to locate Air Force veteran Clay Hickman, he realizes he’s been drawn into something deep and dark. He knows the weight of war, having served as a Marine in First Fallujah; he also knows the nightmare of indescribable personal pain, as only two years have passed since his young wife’s sudden death. What he doesn’t know is why a shroud of secrecy hangs over the disappearance of Clay Hickman—and why he’s getting a different story from everyone involved. Soon, what began as just a job becomes a life-and-death obsession for Ford, and forcing him to contend with chilling questions about truth, justice, and the American way.

Wednesday, September 13, 5:30 p.m. Literary Guild of Orange County at the Mission Viejo Country Club - Info: www.lgoc.org

If you love an intimate event where you can hear the authors speak and meet them and fellow book lovers, you'll love this upcoming dinner salon.

Featured speakers: Lisa Napoli, Charmaine Craig, Elizabeth Little (SoCal MWA President)

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.

Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 p.m. Pen on Fire Speakers Series

An Evening with Novelists Jade Chang, Charmaine Craig, and Janelle Brown in conversation with Barbara DeMarco-Barrett at the Scape Gallery in Corona del Mar. Additional information and registration at: www.barbarademarcobarrett.com/speakers-series/

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, Embassy Hotel, Tustin
Headliners: Wendy Corsi Staub and TBA***

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

Additional Panelist and Headliner to be announced – Info:mysteryink.com

Mystery Conferences:

Ladies of Intrigue event at Santa Ana's Embassy Suite 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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Sisters in Crime Orange County

Print and complete this form. NOTE: YOU MUST ALSO JOIN SISTERS IN CRIME NATIONAL TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER.

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.

New Renewal

Name:

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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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