

# ORANGE HERRING



## 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](#))

“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”

## NEXT MEETING

On 18 March, the Board Meeting will commence at 1:00, the Readers Session at 2:00,  
and the program at 3:00.

Our March speaker, a native of Minnesota, was employed by the Central Intelligence  
Agency from 1973 to 1983, serving in Langley, Virginia, South America, and the Far

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East. She has traveled extensively throughout Europe, South America and Asia, living at times in Germany, France and Singapore. For the past twenty years, she has been a resident of California.

Recently released from her covert status as a CIA employee, she will talk to us about her recruitment, training and assignments. You will not want to miss this rare—and for OC SinC first ever—opportunity to learn something about our country’s most secretive agency.

## MEETING ROUNDUP

By Theresa Schultz

Our guest speaker at the February meeting was Sergeant Shannon Laren from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Homicide Bureau. Laren spent the last fourteen years investigated hundreds of murders, officer-involved shootings, suicides, accidental deaths, fatal industrial accidents, child deaths, natural deaths and suspicious deaths. Due to retire just days later, we were lucky enough to hear his last official presentation.

Laren’s talk ran the gamut from murder investigation to 911 calls to DNA analysis. He is not a fan of the CSI television series, which “taught crooks what not to do.” Echoing what we heard at the January meeting, he voiced concern that there are too many vacancies in law enforcement, citing a lack of interest as well as a difficulty in qualifying for the job.

Sergeant Laren shared the details of some of his cases with us, and he brought slides, which were not for the squeamish. One case involved a woman whose body was dumped in a remote location; her husband claimed they had been carjacked, when in fact he had killed her. A home invasion robbery, in which the killers had covered the victim’s face, led them to two suspects who knew the man, a local drug dealer. Investigating an arson turned out to be a bizarre attempted murder/suicide, in which

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the woman responsible tried to kill her husband (and succeeding in killing herself) by burning down their house.

His presentation was followed by a Q and A session, which was equally informative.

## MEMBER NEWS

Novelist Peter Heller, author of *The Dog Stars*, *The Painter*, and *Celine* talks with Writers on Writing show host **Barbara DeMarco-Barrett** about the crossover from a journalism and poetry to fiction, starting with a first sentence, writing in cafes wearing Bose headphones listening to the SimplyRain app, and listening to your characters, and so very much more. <https://www.barbarademarcobarrett.com/2018/02/peter-heller-writers-writing-kuci-fm/> (Broadcast date: Feb. 21, 2018)

The fifth archaeological mystery written by our former chapter president and friend, Aileen G. Baron, who died in 2016, has just been released by Pemberley Press. *RETURN OF THE SWALLOWS* is available on Amazon and from other booksellers through Ingram's wholesale. For more information and to read an excerpt, visit [www.pemberleypress.com](http://www.pemberleypress.com). A burned human skeleton unearthed at a dig at the Mission of San Juan Capistrano leads Tamara Saticoy on a chase to uncover a smuggling ring dealing in ancient Thai artifacts. Baron's last novel provides a more intimate look into her fascinating career and the places she loved.

**D. P. Lyle** has the following upcoming events:

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Huntington Beach Library Author Luncheon

DP Lyle and Dave Putnam

Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

Huntington Beach Public Library

7111 Talbert Ave.

Huntington Beach. CA

714-842-4481

[http://www.fotlhb.com/home\\_1.html](http://www.fotlhb.com/home_1.html)

Anaheim Library Foundation Mystery Author Luncheon

“High Tide and Homicide”

DP Lyle, Matt Coyle, Patricia Smiley, Robin Burcell

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Sheraton Park Hotel

1855 S. Harbor Blvd

Anaheim, CA

<http://www.anaheimpubliclibraryfoundation.com>

Diane Pardee recommends the following resource as a great free resource for published authors. We have our own Orange County page, plus there is also Los Angeles, San Diego and a lot of other California counties. The more people you get

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on there, and the more they promote it to their groups, the better it will be for everyone. We have 20 authors on it now, but I know there are tons more who haven't heard of it. <https://hometownreads.com/city/orange-county>

## MYSTERY INK NEWS

Check our website for upcoming mystery conferences! [mysteryink.com](http://mysteryink.com)

Mystery Ink, 8907 Warner Avenue, #135, Huntington Beach, CA (714) 960-4000

**Sunday, March 11th, 1:00 p.m.** - David Putnam & Lance Charnes at Mystery Ink

David Putnam is the author of the Bruno Johnson thriller series. He will discuss and sign his new novel, THE INNOCENTS, in this well-reviewed series.

“The scenes feel authentic and tense thanks to Putnam’s decades of law enforcement experience. Great reading for crime-fiction fans.” —Kirkus Reviews

Lance Charnes is a former Air Force intelligence officer who now writes the Dewitt Agency Files series. His second book, STEALING GHOSTS requires all Matt’s skills to recover a family’s portrait stolen by the Nazis, then stolen by the Russians and now needs to be stolen by Matt without anyone knowing...

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Literary Guild of Orange County Literary Salon**

5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Annual author dinner at the Mile Square Park Banquet Center with authors: Michelle Gable, Nicole Mones, and Dawn Anahid MacKeen. For more information or to register visit: [www.lgoc.com](http://www.lgoc.com).

**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> AAUW - Huntington Beach**

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10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Annual author lunch with Anne Perry, Aline Ohanesian and Abbi Waxman. For additional information and registration visit: <https://wfh-ca.aauw.net/files/2017/12/Jnauary-2018-Newsletter-pdf.pdf>

**Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> AAUW - Newport Beach**

With poet Selma Mann.

**Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> Anaheim Library Annual Mystery Authors Luncheon**

D.P. Lyle, Patricia Smiley, and Matt Coyle with moderator Robin Burcell

<http://www.anaheimpubliclibraryfoundation.com/>

**MYSTERY CONFERENCES 2018:**

**Left Coast Crime, March 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, Reno, NV**

Guests of Honor: Naomi Hirahara and William Kent Krueger, Toastmaster: Todd Borg

**Malice Domestic, April 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, Bethesda, MD**

Guest of Honor: Louise Penny, Toastmaster: Catriona McPherson

**CrimeFest May 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, Bristol, United Kingdom**

Featured Authors: Lee Child and Jeffery Deaver

**ThrillerFest XIII, July 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, New York City, NY**

Thriller Master: George R.R. Martin and Lee Child

**Bouchercon, September 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, St. Petersburg, FL**

Guests of Honor include: Karin Slaughter, Ian Rankin, Lisa Unger and more!

Mystery Ink, [www.mysteryink.com](http://www.mysteryink.com), 8907 Warner Avenue#135, Huntington Beach, CA

**For additional information and location: [ocsistersincrime.org](http://ocsistersincrime.org)**

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

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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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.

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**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**

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