



ORANGE HERRING



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to promote the ongoing advancement, recognition and professional development of women crime writers.

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 at 2:00 on Sunday, 27 January. Our guest will be Supervisory Special Agent Kristine Beardsley, currently a Unit Chief in the Counterintelligence Division. Prior to joining the FBI, Kris graduated from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned in the United States Army as a military intelligence officer. She served seven years in the Army in a variety of intelligence and security officer positions. In January of 2002, she entered the FBI Academy and following graduation was assigned to the Los Angeles Field Office (LAFO) to a Counterintelligence (CI) squad. After working in the CI field for two years, she was selected as LAFO’s Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Coordinator and served as the Program Coordinator for three years. In 2007, she was promoted as a Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) in the WMD Directorate at FBI Headquarters, where she managed the Biological Countermeasures program for three years. As a result of her work in the WMD Directorate, the White House selected her to serve as the Countering Biological Threats Director in the WMD Coordinator’s Office of the National Security Council. After a two and a half year assignment at the White House, Kris returned to the WMD Directorate and was promoted to Unit Chief of the Executive Strategy Unit, where she managed strategy and communications. From there, she was assigned to Chicago as a field SSA over a CI Squad for three years. She recently reported to the Counterintelligence Division as a Unit Chief. Kris likes staying active and playing sports, enjoys Buddhist meditations, and hanging with her two cats and fish, Jasper, Tarzan, and Buddha. She is also ghost writing a memoir for a famous fitness celebrity.



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MEETING ROUNDUP

Due to overindulgence at the December Christmas Party at Mystery Ink, I can remember little of said party, which took the place of the monthly meeting. My next clear memory was of waking up in a hotel room with a dead woman beside me who I did not recognize. Muttering “not again” under my breath, I set out to dispose of the remains in a manner I had seen on “Breaking Bad.” I assure members that I had nothing to do with her demise; but because of a number of unpleasant run-ins with the local authorities, I was certain they would not believe me.



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In any event, the only relevant data that I could remember is the newly elected slate of our club officials, to wit: President – Ms. Nanette Heiser; Co-Vice-Presidents - Ms. Debbie Mitsch and Mr. Jack Martin; Corresponding Secretary - Ms. Kathleen Troy; Treasurer - Mr. John Kim; Newsletter Secretary - the omnipresent TBD; President for 2018 – Ms. Barbara DeMarco-Barratt.

Most of all, thanks to last year's board members for a job well done!

MEMBER NEWS

Greta Boris informs us that the audio version of The Sanctity of Sloth is (finally) available! Here's the link. <http://www.tinyurl.com/slothaudio>

Partners in Crime – the San Diego Chapter of Sisters in Crime – welcomes you to submit a short story to their first anthology titled CROSSING BORDERS. Submissions are free. Stories will be chosen and edited by Lisa Brackmann, NYT best-selling author of Black Swan Rising and more, and Matt Coyle, best-selling author of the Rick Cahill crime novels, in a blind read process. CROSSING BORDERS will be an official Sisters in Crime Anthology. Partners in Crime will market the anthology with press releases and social media. Left Coast Crime 2020 will be in San Diego, and Partners in Crime will host an anthology signing party at the conference. All proceeds from the sale will support the ongoing efforts of Partners in Crime to bring workshops of interest to crime writers and readers. Why CROSSING BORDERS? San Diego is a beach town, a military town, a business town, and a border town. But CROSSING BORDERS is not just about physical borders between states and countries – we'd also love to see stories about borders between people, between life and death, between normal and paranormal, between moving forward and standing still, between conflicting goals and emotions, and more. The theme of borders can be interpreted many ways. Good stories that are mysteries of all genres, suspense, thrillers and true crime, are encouraged that explore borders in some way.

Important Reminder to all members! It is a new year, and hence time to pay your dues, both to the Chapter and to the National. A convenient way to do so would be to bring cheques to the next meeting to give to one of our officers, preferably the Treasurer. It will save you postage in mailing in your National dues individually.



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MYSTERY INK STORE EVENTS

Saturday, January 26, 2 p.m. - Joint Signing!

Howard Michael Gould - LAST LOOKS

Patricia Smiley - THE SECOND GOODBYE

Howard Michael Gould & Patricia Smiley will be discussing and signing their latest books on Saturday, January 26th at the Mystery Ink Bookstore, 8907 Warner Avenue, #135, Huntington Beach, CA 92647, 714 960-4000.

In Gould's debut novel, LAST LOOKS, the brilliant, eco-maniacal detective Charlie Waldo is introduced and thrust into a spectacular Hollywood murder mystery. "The plot is good and the protagonist is even better. It's fast, funny, and well worth a sequel." —Kirkus (starred review)

"A wild, madcap homage to and satire of the Hollywood noir thriller. Gould, an accomplished screenwriter and showrunner, knows how to keep it fast, smart, and funny." The Philadelphia Inquirer

Patricia Smiley is the Los Angeles Times bestselling author of four novels featuring amateur sleuth Tucker Sinclair. The three books in her latest series are hard-boiled police procedurals about LAPD homicide detective Davie Richards (PACIFIC HOMICIDE, OUTSIDE THE WIRE, THE SECOND GOODBYE). "THE SECOND GOODBYE is a straight ahead jolt of police procedural adrenaline! Like Michael Connelly, Patricia Smiley grabs a hold of you and pulls you into the story without tricks or gimmicks..." Matt Coyle -Anthony Award -winning author.

Sunday, January 27, 2 p.m. - Orange County Sisters in Crime Meeting - FORENSIC FEST!

SPEAKER: FBI Supervisory Special Agent KRISTINE BEARDSLEY



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February 23, 11:30 a.m. - San Clemente Friends of the Library

Annual Authors Luncheon - Speakers - Chris Erskine and T. Jefferson Parker. Registration available at mysteryink.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

6th Annual LADIES OF INTRIGUE Conference

Sunday, November 10th, 2019 w/Laurie King and others - TBA



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

If you have future events or announcements, 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

Pls. print all information and list your name as you want it listed in the Membership Directory.

New **Renewal**

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**

I would like to help with (check all that apply):

Publicity **Refreshments** **Speakers** **Raffle** **Other:**

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