

# 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](#))

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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Sunday 26 March, 2:00 p.m.** – The meeting will commence with a Reader’s Forum where the discussion will center on true crime books. Come prepared to discuss your favorites. Note: the Dexter books are not true crime; they are more in the line of instructional manuals.

Our guest speaker will Orange County-based true crime author Michael Thomas Barry. An award winning author and columnist, and a graduate of Cal State University at Fullerton with degrees in criminal justice and history, he is the author of nonfiction titles including, "In the Company of Evil: Thirty Years of California Crime 1950-1980." He's also a columnist for Crime.com, where he pens "This Week in Crime History." (You may have seen him, on TV shows such as Investigation Discovery's "Deadly Women" and "True Nightmares" TV series. Personally, I didn't need a TV series to tell me that all women are deadly; I was married for 27 years). Michael

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will speak at 3 p.m.

### MEETING ROUNDUP

By Jack Martin

At the last meeting our excellent guest speaker was Rebecca Forster. She described how she broke into the mystery business, and provided cogent tips for those who would like to do the same. She also related her truly astonishing travel record, having visited over 110 cities in 21 countries. She did admit to having an excellent “in house” resource for her mystery writing; her husband is a Judge of the Superior Court.

### 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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Gayle Carline and Jack Martin received the following message from National Sisters in Crime which will be of interest to many members:

“This is a reminder that requests for the Speakers Bureau 2018 are now being accepted. We’ve got a roster of terrific speakers, all SinC members and award winners and/or best-sellers, and as in previous years, SinC National will provide them to chapters as teachers, presenters, or seminar leaders. If your chapter didn't have a speaker in 2016 and isn't scheduled to have one in 2017 or 2018, you're eligible to participate. Here's how.

Chapter presidents or programming chairs may visit the main Speakers Bureau page, read about the program and proceed to the application from there (it's linked on the page and available in the "More" drop down, or you can access the form directly here [Speakers Bureau Request Form](#) (it is members only so don't forget to sign-in before clicking this link). Choose three authors you'd be interested in hosting from the drop down menu, as well as three possible dates for your event, and submit the form.

Once your application is received, you'll receive notification that it's being processed. We will review each chapter's eligibility, then check with the speakers and assign one who is available for the dates you have requested. If that works for you, we'll connect you and your speaker so you can work out logistics at the chapter

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level. Right now, 10 chapters can get a speaker in 2018 (two slots have already been filled from last year's overflow), with the rest of the applications going into the queue for 12 speaker slots in 2019.

### **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.

Sunday, March 19, 10 a.m. - Anaheim Library 22nd Annual Mystery Author Luncheon, Sheraton Park Hotel, Anaheim Resort Speakers: Daryl Wood Gerber, Naomi Hirahara, SueAnn Jaffarian and Sheila Lowe.  
For Information contact Ginny: [ginnygardner340@gmail.com](mailto:ginnygardner340@gmail.com).

Sunday, March 26, 2:00 p.m. – Orange County Sisters in Crime Meeting  
Speaker: Michael Thomas Barry, IN THE COMPANY OF EVIL: 30 YEARS OF CALIFORNIA CRIME, 1950 – 1980. contact: [ocsistersincrime.org](http://ocsistersincrime.org)  
April 2, 2:00 p.m. – Los Angeles Sisters in Crime Meeting -

An International Magical Mystery Tea To Celebrate the Sisters in Crime 30th Anniversary. contact: [sistersinrimela.com](http://sistersinrimela.com)

April 22 – 23, Los Angeles Times Festival of Books – USC campus  
Mystery Ink (booth #376) will be in the same location as previous years – between the SoCal Mystery Writers and the L.A. Sisters in Crime booths.

All author members, please contact Debbie at [mysteryink@hotmail.com](mailto:mysteryink@hotmail.com) for signing times at the Mystery Ink booth. Also, need volunteers to pass out the OC SinC information and to help out at the booth. It would be very much appreciated!! Please contact Debbie.

Saturday, April 29, 3:00 p.m. at the Mystery Ink Bookstore – Mike Befeler  
Talk and signing for - International Thriller, THE TESLA LEGACY

MARCH BLOWOUT SALE 30% + OFF 1st edition signed hardbacks

Selected titles. See website at [mysteryink.com](http://mysteryink.com).

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2017 Events:**

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

*Friday, May 19, Orange County Literary Luncheon w/April Smith. Save The Date! Further information to follow.*

*Sunday, October 1, Ladies of Intrigue Luncheon, Embassy Hotel, Tustin*

**Mystery Conferences:**

*May 18 – 21, Crimefest, Bristol, England*

*July 11 – 15, Thrillerfest, New York, USA*

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

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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**

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

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

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