



ORANGE HERRING
Sisters in Crime  Orange County



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 at the Irvine Ranch Water District 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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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

To join or renew your membership in our Sisters in Crime Chapter, you must also be a member of National. To renew your national membership, go to: www.sistersincrime.org/. To renew for our chapter, go to: www.ocsistersincrime.org/membership.htm and download the form, or fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and mail it in with your check. You can join national online or send your check to national to us, along with your check for our chapter.

Please renew your Sisters in Crime membership today!



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The meeting schedule for 2016 is as follows: Jan. 24, Feb. 21 at the Katie Wheeler Library in Irvine, Mar. 20, Apr. 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, Aug. 28, Sep. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27, Dec. 11. Please mark your calendars and check this newsletter and the website for updates.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 24th at 2 p.m. – Sisters in Crime O.C. will kick off 2016 with its annual Forensics Fest meeting. The topic: "What Makes the Bad Guys Tick? Three Experts Discuss Dark Motivations and Heinous Acts."

Our three speakers are authors **D.P. Lyle**, **Dennis Palumbo** and **David Putnam** – all noted experts within their respective arenas involving criminal justice.

A board-certified MD, **D.P. "Doug" Lyle** has been a consultant to countless novelists as well as writers of popular television shows, among them "Law & Order" and "CSI: Miami," to help ensure forensic authenticity. He is the co-host, along with best-selling mystery novelist Jan Burke, of [CRIME AND SCIENCE RADIO](#), a twice-monthly program on [SUSPENSE RADIO](#). A prolific author of both crime fiction and non-fiction, Lyle's books have won the Macavity and Benjamin Franklin Silver Award, and have been nominated for the Edgar, Agatha, Anthony, Scribe, Silver Falchion, and USA Best Book honor. The second edition of his "Forensics for Dummies" (Wiley) will be available in February 2016.

Dennis Palumbo, M.A., MFT, is a writer and licensed psychotherapist who applies his private practice expertise to his mysteries featuring crime-solving psychologist and trauma expert Daniel Rinaldie. The fourth in the series, "Phantom Limb," is now on sale from Poisoned Pen Press. Formerly a Hollywood screenwriter, Palumbo's credits include the feature film "My Favorite Year," for which he was nominated for the prestigious Writers Guild of America Award for Best Screenplay. He was also a staff writer for the ABC-TV series "Welcome Back, Kotter," and has written numerous TV series episodes and pilots.

Prior to becoming an author, **David Putnam** spent more than 30 years in law enforcement. He has worked in narcotics, served on FBI-sponsored violent crimes teams, and was cross-sworn as a U.S. Marshall, pursuing murder suspects and bank robbers in Arizona, Nevada, and California. Putnam did three tours on the San Bernardino County Sheriff's S.W.A.T. team, executing dynamic entries, hostage rescues, and serving as team sniper. He has also worked in Criminal Intelligence and Internal Affairs and has supervised corrections, patrol, and a detective bureau. After 28 years of California law enforcement, Putnam moved to Hawaii to serve as a Special Agent for the Attorney General investigating smuggling and white-collar crimes. Now retired and living in Southern California, Putnam's latest book, due in February 2016, is "The Squandered" (Oceanview). It is the third in his series featuring Bruno Johnson, ex-cop turned parolee, which debuted in 2014 with "The Disposables" and was followed by "The Replacements" (2015), both of which were honored with nominations



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from SCIBA (Southern California Independent Booksellers Association).

The public is cordially invited.

Our Feb. 21st meeting will take place at **Katie Wheeler Library** and will feature author **Barry Lancet**.

Barry Lancet's *Japantown*, an international thriller, won the prestigious Barry Award for Best First Mystery Novel, and was selected by both *Suspense Magazine* and renowned mystery critic Oline Cogdill as one of the Best Debuts of the Year. His second book, *Tokyo Kill*, was a finalist for a Shamus Award for Best P.I. Novel of the Year and was selected as a must-read for Asian leaders by *Forbes* magazine. The third entry in the Jim Brodie series is *Pacific Burn*. A movie or TV series based on the books is currently under discussion.

Katie Wheeler Library is located at: 13109 Old Myford Rd. **Irvine, CA 92602** (714) 669-8753
ocpl.katiewheeler@occr.ocgov.com

MEET THE MEMBERS



As an archaeologist, **Aileen G. Baron** taught in the Department of Anthropology at California State University, Fullerton, and conducted fieldwork in the Middle East, including a year at the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem as an NEH scholar, and director of the overseas CSU program at the Hebrew University. She is the past president of the Orange County chapter of Sisters in Crime.

What sub-genre do you prefer to read?

I like them all, except for the ones who overdo the dead bodies and hype excitement for no reason.



If you could share a meal with any author, who would you choose?

Lewis Carroll. Yes, I know he's not a mystery writer, but he should be fun. And he was **not** a pederast. And then there's Mark Twain.

What's your favorite weapon of choice?

Of paper, rock, scissors, I prefer paper. But I have noticed that people keep falling off of roofs and ledges in my books.

Baseball cap, deerstalker, or fedora.

I once had a white fedora studded with rhinestones. I looked like a pimp.

Aileen is the author of A FLY HAS A HUNDRED EYES, THE TORCH OF TANGIER, THE SCORPION'S BITE, and THE GOLD OF THRACE.

MEMBER NEWS

D.P Lyle's updated 2nd Edition of FORENSICS FOR DUMMIES will be out in February.

Join **Jan Burke** and **D.P. Lyle** for these upcoming Crime & Science Radio shows:

1-16-16: Crime and Science Radio: Tracking Down the Bad Guys: A Conversation with Retired US Marshal and Novelist Marc Cameron

1-30-16: Crime and Science Radio: Working Stiff: An Interview with Forensic Pathologist Judy Melinek and co-author/husband TJ Mitchell

2-13-16: Crime and Science Radio: Crime and Science in the OC: an Interview with Bruce Houlihan, Director of the Orange County Crime Lab

For details, go to: <http://www.dplylemd.com/crime--science-radio.html>



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Jill Amadio was a guest reader on Barbara DeMarco-Barrett's radio show, Writers on Writing. Jill, who has branched out into narrating audio books, read two Christmas poems, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and "The Boy Who Laughed at Santa Claus." She reports it was great fun.

"Digging Up the Dead," Jill's second book in her Tosca Trevant mystery series set in Newport Beach, will be released by the publisher on March 15. Her amateur sleuth is a little less grumpy this time and getting used to American customs and culture although some local traditions still evoke a bit of cussing in the Cornish language.

MYSTERY INK NEWS

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

New hours: Wed. – Fri., 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Sat., 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

www.mysteryink.com. Coffee & Wi-Fi available.

In-Store Events:

February 6th, 1:00 p.m. - Jeri Westerson Launch Party

March 21st - OC Sisters in Crime Meeting with T. Jefferson Parker

Outside Events:

Tuesday, January 12th, 6:00 p.m. - Pen on Fire Salon w/Barbara deMarco Barrett

Authors - Gordon McAlpine, Joshua Mohr and Nina Revoyr



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

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

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