



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](#))

"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"

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.

If you have not already done so, please renew your Sisters in Crime membership today!



ORANGE HERRING
Sisters in Crime  Orange County



At last! It's finally here! On Oct. 3rd, we will host our second Ladies of Intrigue program at the Hotel Huntington Beach.

Meetings for the remainder of the year will be held on Oct. 25 and Nov. 15. The November date is a change from our original date of Nov. 22. Our holiday meeting will be held on Dec. 13th at Mystery Ink.

Snack duty will be on a rotating basis. The following people have agreed to bring the snack for these meetings:

Oct: Gita Fisher

Nov: Theresa Schultz

Dec: Potluck

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Orange County Sisters in Crime presents

Ladies of Intrigue

Featuring Remarkable Women Mystery Writers

A large dose of dastardly fiction with tales of murder, mayhem, and sleuthing is on tap with "Ladies of Intrigue," an all-day literary event headlined by international best-selling mystery writers **Carol Higgins Clark** and **Catriona McPherson**. Twelve local authors will share their writing experiences as panelists. KUCI Radio show host of "Writers on Writing," **Barbara de Marco Barrett**, librarian **Marilyn Beebe**, and author **Diane Vallere** are moderators. Panel topics include *Dark and Dirty*, *Growing Up Dangerous*, and *The Lighter Side of Mystery*. "Ladies of Intrigue" is presented by the Orange County chapter of Sisters in Crime.

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Registration: 8 a.m to 8.45 a.m.

Program from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hotel Huntington Beach

7667 Center Street

Huntington Beach, CA 92647

For detailed information and to buy your ticket, please go to: <http://ocsistersincrime.org/LOI.htm>.



MEETING ROUNDUP

By Theresa Schultz

In August, we had our joint meeting with Mystery Writers of America, and it was a great success. The food was delicious and the panelist had loads of interesting information to pass on. Our president **Gayle Carline** moderated a panel that consisted of women in law enforcement. Participating were **Debbie Stark** a retired officer with Brea PD, **Nicole Fyan** from the Riverside District Attorney's office, **Martha Trevino**, a security specialist with Thales Raytheon, **Corinne Loomis**, retired member of Placentia PD, and **Tiffany Eiley**, who is just starting her career with the Placentia PD.

These amazing women have worked in every area of criminal investigation, including sex crimes, crimes against children, industrial espionage, ID theft, domestic violence and homicide. They were drawn to law enforcement for different reasons. Debbie and Tiffany followed in the footsteps of family members, Corinne began in social work and realized she had a flair for investigations, Nicole was inspired to help children after watching the famed ABC Afterschool specials on TV, and Martha began as a cadet with the Anaheim PD and made the move into private security for Raytheon.

Though they are still outnumbered by men in their chosen fields, many of our panelists have found that they bring something special to the table. Often they are called upon to talk to the victims of rape and other violent attacks. They use common sense and people skills to diffuse a potentially volatile situation, preferring to take their time and talk things out, rather than allowing matters to escalate. In the world of private security though, things are different. Martha has to deal with lots of retired military officers, including 4 star generals, and being a petite woman can be a disadvantage. Also, Nicole has to behave differently when her case is being heard by a certain conservative male judge, wearing a skirted suit whenever she appears before him.

The types of crimes these women see, especially crimes against children, can take a heavy toll. They each have their own way of dealing with the stress of the job. Debbie thinks mandatory psychiatric visits would be an excellent idea for officers forced to confront the brutal reality of child abuse.

On the lighter side, our panelists told us what misconceptions (fueled by books and TV) they would like to see corrected. Debbie is tired of seeing one detective go into a potentially deadly situation alone. Wait for backup! Nicole feels television DA's are pretty bitchy, whereas she is a very nice person. Also, you do not have to Mirandize a person until he is in custody (handcuffed) and being interviewed. And Tiffany would be thrilled if she never had to listen to another doughnut joke.



ORANGE HERRING
Sisters in Crime  Orange County



MEMBER NEWS

Aileen Baron has just signed with Coffeetown Press to publish her next book in the Tamar Saticoy series. The book will be out sometime next year.

Carol Higgins Clark, one of the keynote speakers at this year's Ladies of Intrigue, is being interviewed on KUCI on Wednesday, September 9, at 9.a.m. on Barbara deMarco Barrett's show, "Writers on Writing," hosted by Marrie Stone.

Upcoming shows for Crime and Science Radio with **Jan Burke** and **DP Lyle** include:

9-12-15: Crime and Science Radio: Turning the Tables; Emmy-Winning Investigative Reporter Hank Phillippi Ryan interrogates Jan Burke

9-26-15: Crime and Science Radio: Turning the Tables; Emmy-Winning Investigative Reporter Hank Phillippi Ryan interrogates DP Lyle, MD

10-10-15 and 10-24-15: Crime and Science Radio: Biotechnology and WMDs: An Interview with the FBI's Betsy Glick and Edward You, and Biotech Futurist Andrew Hessel, Parts 1 and 2

11-7-15: Crime and Science Radio: Lie Catchers: Paul Bishop Returns

11-21-15: Crime and Science Radio: Identifying The Dead, Finding The Missing: An Interview With Todd Matthews of NamUs

12-5-15: Crime and Science Radio: Bones Tell the Tale: An Interview With Forensic Anthropologist and Best-selling Author Kathy Reichs

DETAILS: [http://www.dplylemd.com/DPLyleMD/CRIME %26 SCIENCE RADIO.html](http://www.dplylemd.com/DPLyleMD/CRIME_%26%20SCIENCE_RADIO.html)

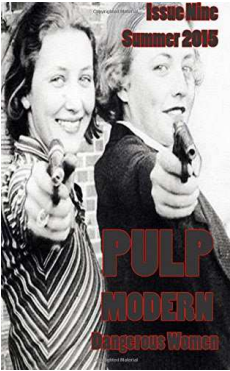
Jack Martin's latest mystery, *Brother Can You Spare a Dime?* was released by Blank Slate Press on August 25th. It is the first in a series of Harry Bierce mysteries. Bierce is Depression-era F.B.I. agent, who finds himself involved with the attempted assassination of FDR, the vicious Bonnie and Clyde and John Dillinger, and the sinister political machine of Huey Long. Here is a link to it on Amazon: http://www.amazon.com/Brother-Can-You-Spare-Dime/dp/1943075085/ref=sr_1_4?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1433193406&sr=1-4&keywords=brother+can+you+spare+a+dime.



ORANGE HERRING
Sisters in Crime  Orange County



"Carnivore" by Melody Reams was published in *Pulp Modern Issue #9: Dangerous Women* in July 2015. It is now available on Amazon.



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.

Monday, September 14th, 4:00 p.m. – Joint Signing!

Linda O. Johnston - *BITE THE BISCUIT* –Barkery & Biscuits Mystery #1

“...BITE THE BISCUIT is an entertaining, suspense filled debut. Ms. Johnston has a genius for forming convincing characters and ingenious storylines that definitely holds the readers' attention. BITE THE BISCUIT is a tasty page-turner serving up such delights as humor, mystery, and a dash of romance.” –

Betty Cox, FreshFiction

Sunday, September 20th, 3:00 p.m. – Joint Signing!

Steph Cha - *DEAD SOON ENOUGH* & Lisa Brackmann - *DRAGON DAY*

In **Lisa Brackmann's** third novel with Ellie McEnroe, an Iraq War vet living in Beijing, the immensely powerful Shanghai billionaire Sidney Cao has asked Ellie to investigate his son's suspicious new American business partner. Ellie knows she can't refuse and gets sucked up into a murder scandal involving China's rich and powerful.

In **Steph Cha's** *DEAD SOON ENOUGH*, her third book in her Juniper Song series, “Cha wins the reader's sympathies for her L.A. PI at the outset of her outstanding third Juniper Song mystery... Veronica Mars fans will be pleased.” —*Publishers Week* – *starred review*



ORANGE HERRING
Sisters in Crime  Orange County



Outside Events:

Saturday & Sunday, September 12th and 13th, Long Beach Comic Con

For more information and tickets visit: <http://longbeachcomiccon.com/>

Saturday, October 3rd, Ladies of Intrigue

A day-long event featuring Remarkable Women Mystery Writers including headliners Carol Higgins Clark and Catriona McPherson. **For more information, visit: <http://www.ocsistersincrime.org/index.htm>**

October 8 – 11, Bouchercon, 2015 – World Mystery Conference

Raleigh, North Carolina, website: bouchercon2015.org



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!**



ORANGE HERRING
Sisters in Crime  Orange County



SISTERS IN CRIME ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

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

Send the completed form with both checks, \$40 payable to Sisters in Crime (National) and \$25 payable to Sisters in Crime, OC to:

Membership

Sisters in Crime, Orange County

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: 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: