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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. ([IRWD map](#))

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MEETING ROOMS THAT ARE MADE AVAILABLE AS A PUBLIC SERVICE”

NEXT MEETING

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The next meeting will be at 2:00 on Sunday, 28 January. It will follow the scheduled Board meeting at 1:00, and the reader's forum on how to be a good literary citizen. As part of our Forensics Fest, our guest speaker will be Wes Albers, who will give us a talk on "Hostage Negotiations: The Real Art of the Deal".

In his 28-plus years in the San Diego Police Department, Detective Sergeant Wes Albers has done it all, from evidence technician to investigating crimes all over the city. He currently serves as Detective Sergeant in charge of Border Investigations, as well as Staff Sergeant supervising the Emergency Negotiations Team, a hybrid team of hostage negotiators from the SDPD, the FBI, and NCIS. Wes is also a director of the Southern California Writer's Conference, where he has helped to facilitate over \$4 million worth of first time book and movie deals for emerging authors through the SCWC and his personal contacts. Of his debut novel, *Black and White*, New York Times bestselling author Gayle Lynds (*The Book of Spies*) hails, "Gritty and rewarding... A top-notch cop novel. Watch out, Joseph Wambaugh!"



MEETING ROUNDUP

By Jack Martin

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Last meeting was our annual Festivus Celebration. After the traditional Airing of Grievances, drinks were passed around. I believe mine was roofied. Next thing I clearly remember was waking up in a cheap hotel next to a naked dead woman with blood on my hands. I found myself muttering, "Not again." I knew this had to be some kind of frame-up; I have had black-outs before, but only occasionally do I find I've committed acts of violence during them. Given my prior tense relations with the law, I had no choice but to bury her late at night in one of the recent Montecito mud slides. Don't worry, it was done most respectfully. Now I am on a mission to find the real killer before the law catches up to me; so I'll be hard to contact for the next month or so.

MEMBER NEWS

D. P. Lyle will be talking Character at the SCWA meeting on Saturday, January 20th.
Claim Jumper, Fountain Valley, CA <http://www.ocwriter.com>

Jill Amadio's TV interview on Channel 6 is airing every Wednesday at noon during the month of January. The host of the "Village Stories Show," Tom Nash, talks to Jill about her writing career as a mystery author, biographer, ghostwriter, journalist, and experience acting opposite Omar Sharif in the movie, "Dr. Zhivago." Her WIP, "Digging with Daggers," is the third in the Tosca Trevant mystery series. She recently gave a talk and slide show to the Aerospace Club in Laguna Woods about her World War II biography of a fighter ace.

MYSTERY INK NEWS

Sunday, December 17, 2:00 p.m. - D. P. Lyle - Launch Party

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D. P. Lyle's latest Jake Longly novel A-LIST takes Jake and Nicole Jamison to New Orleans at the behest of Nicole's uncle, movie producer Charles Balfour, when his megastar, A-list actor Kirk Ford, awakens in his hotel bed with the body of Kristi Guidry, a local college coed. Ford, remembers little of the evening and nothing of the murder. And, to make matters worse, Kristi is the niece of a local mafioso-type who will do whatever is necessary to avenge her death. The clock is ticking as Jake and Nicole struggle to decipher who's lying, who's telling the truth, and who wanted her dead.

D.P. Lyle, MD, is the Macavity Award winning and Edgar Award nominated author of the nonfiction books FORENSICS: A GUIDE FOR WRITERS and FORENSICS FOR DUMMIES. He has been the consultant on numerous TV shows including, Law & Order and Monk and is the author of the ROYAL PAINS books based on the TV series. His crime novels include STRESS FRACTION and HOT LIGHTS, COLD STEEL.

Check our website for upcoming mystery conferences! mysteryink.com

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 28th, OC Sisters in Crime Forensics Fest

2:00 p.m. Forum with new president Barbara DeMarco-Barrett

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For more information and location visit: <http://ocsistersincrime.org/>

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 24th San Clemente Friends of the Library

Annual Author Luncheon with Naomi Hirahara, Matt Coyle, and Liska Jacobs

Saturday, March 3rd, Placentia Library Friends of the Library Luncheon

Annual Author Luncheon featuring David Putnam, for more information and reservations visit: <http://placentialibraryfriends.com/index.html>

Wednesday, March 14th 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.

Saturday, March 17th AAUW - Huntington Beach

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 7th AAUW - Newport Beach

With poet Selma Mann.

Sunday, April 15th Anaheim Library Annual Mystery Authors Luncheon

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

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

MYSTERY CONFERENCES 2018:

Left Coast Crime, March 22nd-25th, Reno, NV

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

Malice Domestic, April 27th-29th, Bethesda, MD

Guest of Honor: Louise Penny, Toastmaster: Catriona McPherson

CrimeFest May 17th-20th, Bristol, United Kingdom

Featured Authors: Lee Child and Jeffery Deaver

ThrillerFest XIII, July 10th -14th, New York City, NY

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

Bouchercon, September 6th-9th, St. Petersburg, FL

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

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For additional information and location: ocsistersincrime.org

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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. The deadline is the 7th 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.

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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