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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

The next meeting will be at 2:00 on Sunday, 26 February. It will start off with a discussion of “Protagonists;” input is encouraged from both writers and readers. Come ready to discuss at least one of your favorite protagonists. This will be followed at 3:00 by a panel discussion of “**The Art of the Short Story.**” The speakers will be Barbara DeMarco-Barrett, Madeline Tigh Margarita, and Gary Phillips.

MEETING ROUNDUP

Our guest was 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



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and fish, Jasper, Tarzan, and Buddha. She is also ghost writing a memoir for a famous fitness celebrity.

Kris' presentation dealt mainly with the 2001 case of envelopes tainted with anthrax being mailed to various public figures; ultimately 23 people were made gravely ill, and 5 were killed. She discussed how a pool of suspects was assembled, and then the steps taken to winnow down the pool to determine the actual perpetrator; only his suicide as the Government moved in on him prevented a highly publicized trial from taking place.

MEMBER NEWS

Jill Amadio is a mystery author panelist on Saturday, February 16th at the annual luncheon of the American Association of University Women in Newport Beach. She is joined by fellow authors Jeri Westerson and Linda O. Johnston. Maddie Margarita is the Moderator. Jill is also finishing up her third adaptation of a script-to-book project. Her clients were all told when contacting studios with their screenplays to "Write the Book First!"

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>

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.

MYSTERY INK STORE EVENTS

Sunday, February 17, 3:00 p.m. – David Putnam- *THE RECKLESS*. Discussion and Signing at Mystery Ink. In *THE RECKLESS*, LA County Deputy Sheriff, Bruno Johnson, is trying to balance his life as the single father of a four-year-old daughter and his responsibilities as a cop in the Violent Crimes Unit. When he and his partner Ned Kiefer are put on loan to the FBI to help with a case, problems arise that are linked to an unsolved case involving a triple homicide. *THE RECKLESS* is book six in the Bruno Johnson series.



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David Putnam is the author of the best-selling Bruno Johnson thriller series, he is a former law enforcement officer and worked primarily in California on various teams including Narcotics, Violent Crimes, Criminal Intelligence, and Internal Affairs—to name a few. He currently lives in Southern California with his wife, Mary and their dogs.

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Huntington Beach, CA 92647

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 16, 11:00 a.m. - AAUW Newport, Mesa, Irvine Branch Luncheon with Speakers, Jill Amadio, Linda O. Johnston and Jeri Westerson

RSVP by February 9th to Sigrid Moranz, P.O. Box 10383, Newport Beach, CA 92658

For pricing and additional information email sigridmoranz@aol.com or call 949-887-3323

Saturday, February 23, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.-Joanne Fluke at Elks Club, Canoga Park - Pre-Launch
CHOCOLATE CREAM PIE MURDER

Drawing! Prizes! Fun!

Sunday, February 24, 2:00 p.m.- OC Sisters in Crime Meeting w/Barbara DeMarco Barrett, Maddie Margarita & Gary Phillips – info at ocsistersincrime.org

Saturday, March 2, 11:00 a.m. – Placentia Friends of the Library Luncheon

Annual Luncheon with Authors Lisa Brackmann and Matt Coyle

Register online at: placentialibraryfriends.com for pricing and location.



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Saturday, March 3, 2019 - Robert Hunter at Mystery Ink
Discussion and Signing of his novel, RELAPSE.

Saturday, March 9, 11:00 a.m. – Literary Guild of O. C. Salon
Author Luncheon with: Tara Conklin, Jo Giese, and Ciji Ware
Visit lgoc.com for registration, pricing and location.

6th Annual LADIES OF INTRIGUE Conference
Sunday, November 10th, 2019 w/Laurie King and others – TBA

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Name:

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I am a (check all that apply):

Mystery Writer **Published** **Unpublished**

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