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## ORANGE HERRING

### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to promote the ongoing advancement, recognition and professional development of women crime writers.

### MEETING PLACE

15500 Sand Canyon Avenue Irvine, CA 92618

Irvine Ranch Water District

**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).**

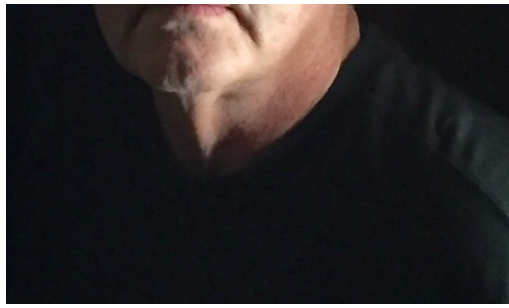
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Sisters in Crime  
Orange County Chapter

President – Ms. Nanette Heiser; Co-Vice-Presidents - Ms. Debbie Mitsch and Mr. Jack Martin; Corresponding Secretary - Ms. Kathleen Troy; Treasurer - Mr. John Kim; Newsletter Secretary --TBA; President for 2018 – Ms. Barbara DeMarco-Barrett.





## NEXT MEETING

**Sunday, May 26, 2019**

At 12:30 p.m. Board Meeting

Want to help improve our chapter meetings? All Sisters in Crime members are invited to join us for our board meeting.

At 2 p.m. Discussion Time

Foreshadowing in Mysteries. Foreshadowing is "...a warning or indication (of future events)." Writers and Readers – Come prepared to discuss your opinions about the use of foreshadowing by you or your favorite authors.

**At 3 p.m. Guest Speaker D.P. Lyle MD**

DP Lyle, MD is the Amazon #1 Bestselling; Macavity and Benjamin Franklin Silver Award winning; and Edgar (2), Shamus, Agatha, Anthony, Scribe, USA Today Best Book Award (2), and Foreward INDIES Book of the Year nominated author of many non-fiction books as well as numerous works of fiction, including the SAMANTHA CODY, DUB WALKER, and JAKE LONGLY thriller series, the upcoming CAIN/HARPER thriller series, and the ROYAL PAINS media tie-in novels. His essay on Jules Verne's THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND appears in THRILLERS: 100 MUST READS and his short story "Even Steven" in ITW's anthology THRILLER 3: LOVE IS MURDER. He served as Editor for the Southern California Writers Association's short story anthology, IT'S ALL IN THE STORY as well as contributing the story "Splash." His short story "Bottom Line" appears in th Sherlock Holmes inspired anthology FOR THE SAKE OF THE GAME.



For those members who wish to mark their calendars well ahead of time, the following are the tentative dates for the remaining meetings of the year: 28 April; 26 May; 23 June; 28 July; 25 August; 22 September; 27 October; 24 November. There is no meeting in December, but the date of the annual bacchanal will be announced at a later date.

## **MEETING ROUNDUP**

Our March meeting group discussion was on settings and was lead by Diana Pardee. Then we heard from our guest speaker, Wendall Thomas, who gave us some great writing tips and spoke about her books.

Since receiving her M.A. in English in 1986 from the University of North Carolina, Ms. Thomas has worked in Los Angeles as a casting director, director's assistant, script reader, story editor, development executive, entertainment reporter, script consultant, and screenwriter, writing and developing projects for companies including Disney, Warner Brothers, Paramount, Universal, Showtime, PBS, RKO, A&E, NBC, Scottish Screen, and Australia's Tojohage Productions. Her novel, *Lost Luggage* (Poisoned Pen Press), has been nominated for Lefty and Macavity Awards for Best Debut Mystery of 2017.





Sisters in Crime member Diana Pardee and Author Wendall Thomas

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## Upcoming Events for Sisters in Crime - Orange County

Annual LADIES OF INTRIGUE LUNCHEON. Sunday, November 10, 2019.

Headliners: Laurie King and others TBA.

Registration now open at [ocsistersincrime.org](http://ocsistersincrime.org).

## MEMBER NEWS

**Jack Martin** has released *Treason on the Mississippi*, a revised edition of a previously published Civil War mystery. It is available at Amazon, among other places, in both paperback and Kindle formats.

**D. P. Lyle**, a longtime SinC member, has the following upcoming events:

**Lit Up! OC:** Reading from *SUNSHINE STATE*. Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 7 p.m.

Bardot Bars & Coffee, 662 El Camino Real Tustin, CA 714-486-1342

<https://www.facebook.com/litupoc/>

**SUNSHINE STATE Launch Party.** Mystery Ink, Huntington Beach, CA. Saturday, May 25, 2019, 3 p.m. Mystery Ink Bookstore, 8907 Warner Ave. #135 Huntington Beach, CA 714-960-4000.

**Suspense Radio Interview:** Discussion of SUNSHINE STATE. Saturday, June 1, 2019, 9 a.m. Pacific Time. <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/suspensemagazine>

**Book Carnival, Orange, CA:** SUNSHINE STATE Signing and Interview by SinC member **Maddie Margarita** (And it's Maddie's Birthday!!!!). Saturday, June 1, 2019, 2 p.m. 348 S. Tustin Street Orange, CA 714-538-3210.

<http://www.annesbookcarnival.com>

### **Important Reminder to all members!**

If you haven't already paid your dues for this year, now is the time to do so for both the Orange County Chapter and to the National. A convenient way to do so would be to bring your checks 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**

**Saturday, May 18, 5:00 p.m.** - Michael Brandman - WILD CARD. Wine & Cheese – Discussion & Signing. Michael Brandman will be discussing and signing his third Buddy Steel novel, WILD CARD. His previous books in the series were MISSING PERSONS and ONE ON ONE.

Brandman co-writes and produces the Jesse Stone TV series based on the books that had previously been written by the late Robert B. Parker. The Jesse Stone TV movies feature Tom Selleck as Jesse Stone and began on CBS in 2003. A tenth movie is about to be filmed in Nova Scotia. Brandman lives in Los Angeles and is married to the Emmy winning actress Joanna Miles.

**Saturday, May 25, 3 p.m.** – D.P. Lyle – SUNSHINE STATE – Launch Party!

**Sunday, June 2, 4:00 p.m.** – Mike Befeler & Jack Martin. Wine & Cheese – Joint Signing - Discussion & Signing w/ Mike Befeler – PARADISE COURT: A Mark Yeager Sports Mystery and Jack Martin – TREASON ON THE MISSISSIPPI. Mr. Befeler is identified as one of four authors in a new emerging mystery sub-genre: the elderly investigator. Harlan Coben, president of Mystery Writers of America stated, “We’ve just scratched the surface on geezer-lit. It could be the next frontier in crime fiction.” Mr. Martin is himself a geezer. His next published work will be “Destroyer of Worlds.”

a mystery revolving around murder in the World War II Manhattan Project.

**Friday, June 14, 1:00 p.m.** – Cara Black – MURDER IN BEL-AIR. Light Refreshments – Discussion & Signing.

**Saturday, June 29, 4:30 p.m.** – Sheila Lowe & Rachel Howzell Hall. Wine & Cheese – Discussion & Signing of their new books.

### **Mystery Ink Bookstore**

**8907 Warner Avenue, #135**

**Huntington Beach, CA 92647**

**714 960-4000**



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If you have future events or announcements, send your contributions and suggestions to: [ocsinc.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ocsinc.newsletter@gmail.com). The deadline is the 7th of each month.

## **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.

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## 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:**

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**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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