



In the words of singer Michael Bublé – It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life....and we're feeling good!

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**Welcome to our new 2020 Board Members!**

President	Barbara DeMarco-Barrett
Vice President	Maddie Margarita
Treasurer	Diane Dallape
Corresponding Secretary	Jill Amadio
Newsletter, Social Network	Carolyn Miller
Website	Sharon Nelson
Membership Chairperson	Diane Dallape
Events Coordinator	Debbie Mitsch
Greeter	Gita Fischer
Members-at-Large	Nancy Churchill, Dianne Larson, Donna Lear, Jack Martin
Past President:	Sharmyn McGraw, Debbie Mitsch, Kami Snyder Nanette Heiser

**January meeting - Sunday, January 26**

**2:00 p.m.                      Writers/Readers Forum**

How life is material for a writer and how real life events inspired our work and the work of the crime writers we know and love (or hate), moderated by Pat Broeske

**3:00 p.m.                      Guest Speaker Susan Straight**

Susan Straight is an Edgar-award winning writer for her short story, "The Golden Gopher," a novelist, and a memoirist. [More here](#) about Susan.

Susan will talk about women in fiction and memoir, murder and

migration, and the real-life noir that inspired so many stories in her publishing career, especially in three particular books and stories: *In the Country of Women*, "The Golden Gopher," and *Between Heaven and Here*.

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### 2020 Meeting Schedule – Sunday's at 2:00 p.m.

- February 23
- March 22
- April 26
- May 24
- June 28
- July 26
- August 23
- September 27
- **Sunday, October 11, 2020- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies of Intrigue**
- October 25
- November 29
- December Holiday Party – date to be announced

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### LADIES OF INTRIGUE 2020

Save the Date

Sunday, October 11, 2020

7<sup>TH</sup> Annual Ladies of Intrigue – Featuring Remarkable Women in Mystery



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## **Mission Statement**

To promote the ongoing advancement, recognition and professional development of women crime writers. We welcome both Sisters and Misterys to our meetings

## **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](http://www.ocsistersincrime.org)

\*Disclaimer - Irvine Ranch Water District neither supports nor endorses the cause nor activities of organizations that use the district's meeting rooms, which are made available as a public service.

## **Membership Information**

Sisters in Crime is a national organization of mystery writers who are dedicated to making sure that women writers receive the same recognition and support as their male counterparts. The Orange County chapter of Sisters In Crime holds monthly meetings for its members, their guests, and visitors. We support member authors by attending and sponsoring book signings at local bookstores

Visit <http://ocsistersincrime.org/membership/> for more information.

# 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:**

\*An **ACTIVE** member is a paid-up Sisters in Crime, Inc. member who does not have a business interest in promoting the purposes of Sisters in Crime, Inc. This includes, but is not limited to, fans and readers.

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**Support your local library [www.ocpl.org](http://www.ocpl.org)**

Did you know that there are 33 libraries in the Orange County Public Library system? The branches are in cities alphabetical from Aliso Viejo to Westminster. Many of the branches have a Friends of the Library bookstore and community events and programs There are also libraries in other cities outside of the OCPL system. Here are two such examples

Newport Beach Public Library (four branches)

<https://www.newportbeachlibrary.org/>

HBPL Huntington Beach Public Library (five

branches) <https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/library/>

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