

IN JANUARY, IT'S CSI BURNSVILLE



Our speaker on Tuesday, January 3rd at 7 PM will be Sergeant Bentley Jackson of the Burnsville Police Department. Sgt. Jackson heads Burnsville Police Department Crime Scene unit and also is the lead instructor for a week long class that Burnsville PD hosts for other investigators around MN which focuses on the ins and outs of investigating crime scenes and collecting evidence. He is very familiar with everything relating to crime scenes including, photography, diagrams, foot print casting, fingerprinting and blood spattering.

DECEMBER 2005 MEETING REPORT

By Kimberly Reis

The meeting was called to order by president Marilyn Victor. Introductions were made around the room. This is the first meeting with the new officers.

Membership dues are due January 1. The treasurer is Wendy Nelson. The amount is \$50 and national wants a registration form filled out for each person so use the one you were mailed or pick up a copy here tonight.

Libby Fischer Hellmann was at OUAC for a book signing on November 15. She is the national president of Sisters in Crime. Some members went to French Meadow with her after her signing to talk about Sisters in Crime. She talked about the 20th Anniversary celebration that will run from Bouchercon 2006 through Bouchercon 2007. She also noted they are still looking for newspaper monitors. Internet access means you aren't limited to your local paper.

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December Meeting Report (continued)

Robyn van Horn updated us on the status of the Minnesota authors project. She has added websites and published dates. It currently has 74 authors after deleting some long deceased authors. It has been sent to Charity Tahmaseb who will post it to the web. A copy was passed around.

Several books were discussed as options for the next few months. We decided on:
January – Whiteout by Ken Follett
February – Bangkok 8 by John Burdett
March – Open and Shut by David Rosenfelt

This month our book was anything by Michael Connelly. Several members read a book by him and quite a few titles were mentioned. He was generally well liked.

Our speakers for the evening were two members of the Dakota County Sheriff's forensic computer examination department. MIS staffer Meredith Tanner and Deputy Coreen Kulvich were chosen to create this department when a backlog of computers sent out for analysis lead to a decision to train people to do this in-house. They spoke about the types of data they look for on confiscated computers and how the computer has to be handled in order for the information to be admissible in court. They also spoke about the specialized software that allows them to search temporary or deleted files to find data on a hard drive that will help the case against a suspect.

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Fun Online Mystery Sites To Visit

www.clueclass.com
<http://www.booksnbytes.com>
<http://www.mysteryinternational.com/>
<http://www.siracd.com/>
<http://www.annefrasier.com/>
www.goreydetails.net/

A NEW YEAR, A NEW NEWSLETTER

Your Twin Sisters in Crime Board of Directors agreed on a new format offering for our monthly newsletter starting in January. A PDF format of the newsletter will be sent to every Twin Sisters In Crime members with an email address. A print copy of the January issue will also be mailed to members. Beginning with the February issue, print copies will only be mailed to members who request it or do not have an email address on file with our chapter.

There are several positive reasons for the change. In January, the U.S. Postal service will be raising their rates. Also, the cost-free internet emailing of our newsletter will also allow us to increase our readership base. Plus, the speed and flexibility of email allows members to receive and read their newsletters wherever they may be – including our mysterious snowbird members.

The downside is that the superb work and effort of Ellen Kuhfeld's chapbook format will be no longer. Ellen turned a standard newsletter into a truly prestigious publication. Her fun ideas such as publishing member's short stories, may well be the glory days of our Chapter's newsletter. (Or at least until another newsletter coordinator is elected. Hint. Hint.)

We will still gladly publish member's short stories. However as both the newsletter coordinator and a writer myself, I must admit that I am not comfortable with putting any fiction piece out on the web – even in a PDF format to an email address. We cannot guarantee any protection from illegal copying of your short story. It will have to be your decision to take that chance when you submit your short story or work to us.

There will be other changes with the newsletter as well. Each month we would like to include, a monthly interview with a member of our chapter. We are also hoping for member submitted articles, book reviews, etc. We welcome your ideas for the newsletter. And we invite you to write for the newsletter. This is your chance to be published, to whine, or to praise!

If you are interested in submitting articles or have any questions, please contact Pat Dennis at pat@penurypress.com. Your newsletter will arrive from the email address of twinsisnewsletter@yahoo.com.

Pat Dennis
Newsletter Coordinator

UPCOMING MYSTERY CONVENTIONS

(Note: Mystery conventions often sell out months in advance.)

Love is Murder Mystery Conference

Rosemont, IL, Feb. 3-5, 2006

“For Readers and writers of mystery, romantic suspense, dark fiction, and thrillers.”

www.loveismurder.com

Malice Domestic

Arlington, VA April 21-23, 2006

Established in 1989 Malice Domestic® is an annual convention in metropolitan Washington, D.C. saluting the traditional mystery—books best typified by the works of Agatha Christie.

www.malicedomestic.org

Mayhem in the Midlands

Omaha, NE, May 25 -May 28, 2006

7th Annual Mystery Convention featuring Guest of Honor Laura Lippman and toastmaster Denise Hamilton.

Sponsored by the Omaha Public Library

<http://www.omaha.lib.ne.us/mayhem/index.html>

Sluethfest

Ft. Lauderdale, FL March 2-5

Presented by the Mystery Writers of America, Fl. Chapter

A four-day fest, you'll get hands-on workshops led by bestselling authors, four tracks of writing and business panels with a wide variety of authors, two great keynoters in Robert Crais and Katherine Ramsland, fabulous camaraderie, good time.

www.mwa-florida.org/sleuthfest/aboutpage.htm

Bouchercon 2006: A Prairie Plot

The World's Largest Mystery Convention

Madison, WI, Sept. 28th-Oct. 1st.

More than a thousand mystery readers, fans, authors reviewers, publishers and agents attend will attend this 37th convention to enjoy 4 days of panels, awards, book signings and parties, Many parties. This year's awards banquet features Robert Parker, Lifetime Achievement Award, M.C. Beaton, British Guest of Honor, Nevada Barr, American Achievement Award, and our own William Kent Krueger as Toastmaster.

www.bouchercon.com

MYSTERIOUS & MISCELLANEOUS

Metro Area Mystery Book Clubs

Ransom Notes Mystery Reading Group

Barnes * Nobel, Har Mar Mall

7:00 pm, 4th Tuesday each month

Mystery Reading Group

Once Upon A Crime

604 W. 26th St., Minneapolis

Hosted by William Kent Krueger and Ellen Hart

Fourth Wednesday of each month, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Events at Once Upon A Crime

Wed. Jan. 11 - 7:00 **Dana Stabenow** "Blindfold Game," a stand-alone

Sat. Jan. 21 - 7:30 **Robert Alexander** "Rasputin's Daughter" *At The LOFT* 1011 Washington Ave. S.
Minneapolis, 612-215-2575

Mon. Jan. 23 - 7:00 **Robert Alexander** "Rasputin's Daughter" Publication party here!

Thurs. Jan 6 - 7:00 **Sean Doolittle** "Rain Dogs" & **Anthony Neil Smith** "Psychosomatic"

Sat. Jan. 28 - 1:00-3:00 **Margaret Frazer** "The Sempster's Tale"

Thurs. Feb. 23 - 2:00 **Michael Koryta** "Sorrow's Anthem" Drop by signing - Reserve your copy in order to get it signed!



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Or

Call Wendy Nelson at (952) 233-0215

Or mail \$50 to

Sisters In Crime, 721 Brook Lane, Shakopee, MN 55379

Of this, \$10 goes to the local chapter and the balance to the national organization.

(Meetings are held at 7 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month (except for July and August at Once Upon A Crime Mystery Book Store, 604 W. 26th, Street, Minneapolis, MN 55405 (This is half a block east of the intersection of Lyndale and 26th In South Minneapolis.)

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