

"My Successful Career Transition from Journalist and Photographer to Travel Book Author" by Bob Bone

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Travel writer, photographer and journalist Bob Bone, who has visited all seven continents in the world and more than 75 countries in a professional career that has spanned four decades, will share with his Published Writers of Rossmoor (PWR) colleagues and their guests and others how he was able to first publish his first book and



then turn this writing accomplishment into an extended and uninterrupted series of incredibly successful and profitable travel books and commissioned travel articles. Bone will be guest speaker at the November 12th, 2016 PWR meeting, from 10 am to noon, in the Fairway Room at Creekside, Rossmoor. PWR President Duke Robinson said that all PWR club members, Rossmoor residents, as well as all aspiring book writers are welcome to attend.

Bone spent most of the first part of his career as a journalist, always completing writing assignments for others. But, in 1971, he decided, "...it was time to begin plastering my own name on my work." Bob did say that this drastic change in writing for a living "wasn't easy." He decided he had to first quit his day job before he could devote himself full-time to writing and publishing books from his home base in Honolulu.

In 2014, Bob published "Fire Bone, A Maverick's Guide to Life in Journalism." This book can be succinctly described as a "...tell-all memoir filled with many thrilling personal experiences with

newspaper, magazine and book publishers, including childhood and youthful love affairs that led up to them.”

Bone said about his upcoming Saturday morning presentation at the PWR monthly meeting, “I’ll try to explain how I beat the odds and became an expert in travel to Hawaii, and ultimately to many other parts of the world.” About becoming a successful and profitable independent writer, Bob summarized what transpired in his own words, when he said, “I had more than 100 rejections from 100 publishers. But, I kept thinking to myself, all I need is one. After more than a year of blank walls, I finally found the path that I needed.”

PWR Program Chair Ron Wren said he asked Bone to be the main presenter at the November 2016 PWR meeting because he is an excellent example of the perseverance that is necessary to succeed in the book writing and publishing profession. “Writing can be a lonely, frustrating, and unappreciated life,” Wren said. “But Bob made it work.” Bob Bone’s talk should be especially appropriate for aspiring book writers who are still looking for their first successful book publication experience.

In 1968, Bone joined the late Temple Fielding. Bob Bone traveled extensively while working on the annual “Fielding’s Travel Guide to Europe” and other Fielding travel books about other parts of the world. Bob lived in Hawaii from 1972 to 2008 and became known in the publishing world for “The Maverick Guides to Hawaii,” and other Fielding travel guides about Australia, New Zealand, Alaska and Yukon.

Bone’s articles and photographs have also appeared in many national magazines, including “Travel-Holiday,” “Travel and Leisure,” and “National Geographic Traveler.” Besides “The Chicago Tribune,” many other nationally respected newspapers have carried his travel stories on world destinations. Bob travel articles have been published in “The Boston Globe,” “Miami Herald,” and in California, “The San Jose Mercury News.”

In 1990, Bone was the first alumnus to be inducted into the "Journalism Hall of Fame" by his alma mater, Bowling Green State University. For many years Bob Bone's official biography was published annually in "Who's Who in America."

For more information on the November 2016 presentation by Bob Bone at the PWR meeting contact Ron Wren, PWR Program Chair. His email address is ronwren@aol.com.