

Bonnie D. Stone

Growing up in Los Angeles, Bonnie Domrose Stone claims she was never aware of the Antelope Valley other than the times her parents dragged her to Valyermo in the horrible heat of summer. She spent her time at the much cooler environs of St. Mary's Academy and Mount St. Mary's College before transferring to Marquette University to earn her degree in journalism.



Then came the trekking: Internship at a small weekly paper in Green Lake, Wisconsin; copy girl at the *Santa Monica Evening Outlook*; family section editor for the *Angeles Mesa News-Advertiser* in Los Angeles; Family Section Editor for Lakeland Publisher's five newspapers headquartered out of Grayslake, Illinois; staff reporter for the *News & Courier* in Charleston; special assignment writer for *Today* in Cocoa, Florida, and the *Honolulu Advertiser*, Hawaii, and editor of *Ka Nupepa*, Mililani, Hawaii.

When her three sons were young, she freelanced for magazines, specializing in writing about the family for numerous local, regional and national publications.

With her first book, *Aloha Cowboy*, she learned she loved doing research. She burrowed her way through libraries to produce *Uncle Sam's Brides*, *Campfollowing*, a history of military wives, and *Civil War in Paradise*, a middle grade reader.

Her awards include a Who's Who of American Women, and American Women Writers; four Galley Awards for excellence in writing from the International Association of Business Communicators/Hawaii; Tad Quattlebaum Award, South Carolina, for best state-wide feature story; South Carolina Press Association state-wide first place awards for newspaper page layout, article writing and photography; Three National Federation of Press Women awards for newspaper articles. She founded the Antelope Valley Writers, in 1986.

Only her family and close friends would remember that she was on *Good Morning America* and *Sonya Live* when she was on cable television.

Her husband, who retired from the Army's Flight Test Program (which had been at Edwards A.F.B) has helped research the field trips for San Andreas Ain't No Fault of Mine. Together they've explored the far reaches of the Antelope Valley to provide you with a guide to the wonderful places to explore in the magnificent Antelope Valley.