*MY PRETENTIOUS MEMOIR*…BY DON HURZELER (Pronounced Hers-ler)

About the book: Don Hurzeler was raised like a free-range chicken. He took that upbringing with him into the world of athletic competition and then a long career in corporate America. Mistakes were made along the way and they will have you laughing out loud and shaking your head in disbelief. When you finish this book you will feel much better about your own short comings in life. You will also feel encouraged that failure can lead to eventual success…if you are willing to learn from your mistakes and just keep trying.

These were not your normal mistakes;

-Sneaking into a marine park at 3am and attempting to ride a killer whale bareback…that did not turn out well.

-Accidently walking into the “yard” at Folsom Prison, unescorted, at age six, much to the surprise of the assembled prisoners.

-Having to explain to the president of a large company…the company he worked for…why he was producing a condom with the likeness of that president on the tip of the condom.

-Losing a full scholarship to Stanford University over some petty detail that involved his 2.2 grade point average.

And yet, Don went on to become an NCAA Division Two All American in Track and Field, the CEO/President of a billion-dollar insurance company, he headed up a 20,000 member professional society, was chosen to serve on a couple dozen boards of business and charitable organizations, has stayed married 51 years so far, raised two great kids and has five grand kids, became an award winning speaker, author and photographer, is partner in a high-end photography gallery and owns a publishing company.

Don and his wife Linda have visited 105 countries and found themselves on the outskirts of Wuhan, China at the time of the Covid 19 outbreak. He is a happy camper with a face that is perfect for radio and has done nearly 100 radio shows over the years.

**Don has a great land line at 808 4984234 or 808 9388383 (cell)…not so great. He lives in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii and is happy to get up in the middle of the night to do morning shows on the Mainland or Canada…seriously…does it often and enjoys the peace and quiet at that time.**

**Website is Donhurzeler.com**

**Book is available on Amazon and Kindle**

**Due to some language and situations, this book may not be suited for anyone under 45 years of age.**

**Other books by Don Hurzeler**: *Designated for Success*, *The Way Up: How to Keep Your Career* *Moving in the Right Direction* (Winner of the Gold Medal for Best Career Book from Axiom Business Book Awards), *Smells Like Retirement*, *What’s Left of Don* (a 2020 Amazon Best Seller) and *The Hawaiian Collection* (a coffee table book done with the photos taken by himself, his wife and two other photographers).

**Questions for Don from Show Hosts**:

-I noticed that the full title of your book is *My Pretentious Memoir -Part* *Deux*. I think that is “Two” in French. Is there a part one?

-I hear that Gomer Pyle (Jim Nabors) is responsible for your swimming naked in the pool of a famous Los Angeles restaurant in front of hundreds of startled patrons. How did that happen?

-What do you mean when you say you were raised like a free-range chicken?

-You saw Barney the Dinosaur murdered? How did that happen?

-I hear you got in the ocean with a bunch of wild 15-foot long salt water crocodiles and photographed them from just inches away? Is that true?

-What is your greatest travel experience?

-You wrote a book on retirement, any great tip from that book you would like to pass along to our audience?

-I read where you led the Doo Dah Parade. What is the Doo Dah Parade?

-You got braces on your teeth at age 70…why?

-Tell our listeners about your how you saved your 13 year old daughter and her friends from two guys trying to break into their second story room in the middle of the night.

-You have a chapter called “Panty Drop at Work”. Care to explain that title?