

President's Message

On December 28, 2006, your president was off to London to see the Queen. Actually, a whole bunch of Queens, as I went with my Red Hat group and there were about 30 queens (each group has one). The Union Jack was not flying over Buckingham Palace, so we were told that Liz was in Scotland for the holiday. On New Year's Day the Union Jack was flying, so the Queen was in the building. We were invited to sport our purple outfits and red hats in the 21st London New Year's Day Parade. We rode in open-air double-decker buses as the walk was two-and-a-half miles. Quite a lot since we had already worn ourselves out. We were 137 strong.

Highlights: Riding the London Eye, Harrods department store, an English pub, New Year's eve on the balcony right across from the fireworks, seeing the old Scotland Yard, visiting with British cabbies, but my all time favorites were Stonehenge, Bath (pronounced bahth), and best of all, a long visit to the Peter Pan statue in Kensington Park. I was not going to leave there without seeing that. The flights are long and recovery is hard on our old bones but with the English pound what it is, staying for a long time would be very expensive. Yes, I have pictures.

Many thanks to my intrepid crew who help to make ElderCollege what it is. You have a wonderful, behind-the-scenes group with Hospitality, Curriculum, Newsletter, Membership, Audio Visual, Office Manager and the list goes on. There are a whole lot of people who open for classes, teach, facilitate and you are my heroes. My love and good thoughts go out to Julie Ley who is struggling to get back to health. Julie, we didn't realize how much you really did. Get well soon. LaMerne

SUNDIAL BRIDGE TRIP

Is anyone interested in a trip in spring to the **Sundial Bridge** in Redding, Calif.? Western Discovery has an exciting overnight trip planned that also includes Turtle Bay Exploration Park, a professional guide, meals, hotel, motorcoach and more. Complete information is on the yellow sheets on the sign-in table at ElderCollege. This sounds like a great trip.

VERY IMPORTANT SPRING CURRICULUM ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

Dr. Eric Rasmussen of the University English Department will present four Shakespeare Comedies for us. The course will focus on the evolution of the comic genre in Shakespeare's writing from the early comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, to the darker "problem" comedies, *The Merchant of Venice* and *Measure for Measure*. We will divide our time between studying the texts and viewing taped performances by the Royal Shakespeare Company, the New York Shakespeare Festival, the BBC Shakespeare TV series and feature films.

(Recommended reading: *Four Comedies*, by William Shakespeare, edited by David Bevington and Scott Kastan; Bantam Classics, 1988. ISBN: 0-533-21281-8.)

The dates of the events will be Tuesdays, April 10, 17, 24; May 8, 15. Time: 12 noon-1:30 p.m.

"Going to Hell in a Handbasket" was canceled on January 25. It has been rescheduled for February 10, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Business Meeting, May 18, 2007; noon-2 p.m.

Spanish Class will be held on March 16, March 23, and April 27, along with all other dates listed.

"Stress-Free Schools" presentation will be on March 30, 10-11:30 a.m.