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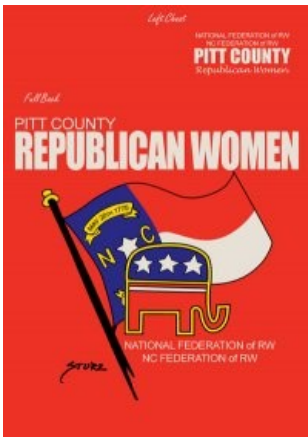
# THE MONTHLY TRUNK

## HealthCare Reform-Some Facts On President Obama's Health Care Proposal

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### RWPC-Empowering Women in Pitt County



- More Spending Will Not Control Costs**– Obama’s plan would propose nearly \$1 trillion in new health spending, on top of the \$150 billion in health spending already passed in the “stimulus bill.”
- Government Spending Means Government Control**
- Undermines Cancer Agenda**– The budget proposes \$6 billion in new cancer funding for the National Institute of Health, but limits individuals’ ability to deduct donations to charities like the American Cancer Society, and imposes new drug price controls that will discourage companies from developing new cancer therapies.
- Prolongs Downturn In Housing Market**– In order to pay for the health care reserve fund, the budget proposes to reduce certain individuals’ ability to deduct mortgage interest, even though the Congressional Budget Office predicts that housing starts in 2011 will still be at or below levels last seen in the early 1990s.
- Undermines Parental Control**– A proposed expansion of family planning programs through Medicaid would permit children of any income level to qualify for family planning services without parental approval.
- Raids Medicare and Medicaid Funds**– The budget includes proposed \$24 billion in savings from the Medicare and Medicaid Improvement Funds. According to the current law, the Medicare Improvement Fund is designed specifically “to make improvements under the original Medicare free-for-service program.”
- It’s a Budgetary Gimmick**– The budget presumes that spending on the State’s Children’s Health Insurance Program will drop by 66% in Fiscal Year 2014—a reduction many members may consider unrealistic, and therefore intended to mask the true size of the administration’s spending proposals.

President Obama’s budget proposal also includes nearly \$1 trillion in new health care spending— a \$634 billion reserve fund as a “down payment” for expanded coverage, and nearly \$350 billion in un-offset increases to physician reimbursements and other government programs. The above list was prepared by the Republican Conference and the full list of facts is available at the website [www.GOP.gov](http://www.GOP.gov) under Talking Points.



## Monthly Message From RWPC President, Elizabeth Weidner

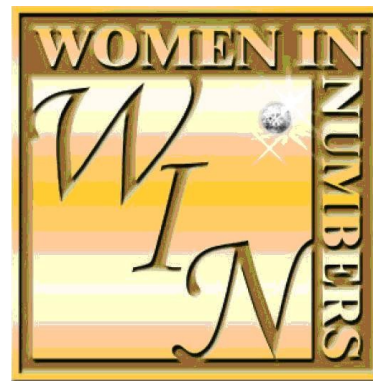
This spring we will get to know some of the Republican candidates for our county. I am hoping after this each of you will have a better understanding and knowledge of where each of the candidates stands on issues that are important to each one of us.

We have a responsibility to select the candidate best to represent our CONSERVATIVE beliefs, one that will listen to us and vote the way of the people, not to some personal or partisan agenda.

After the primary in May, as a club, we will get behind the nominee that is chosen by the voters and do what we can as a club, to help our party take back our country.

Each one of us needs to stay focused and remember what the purpose of our club, which is to help our party to take back our country. In order to accomplish this, we need to concentrate on what really matters and not let the little things bog us down and cause us to lose sight of our goals. So, this year let us keep our eyes on the big picture, our country needs us more than ever now!

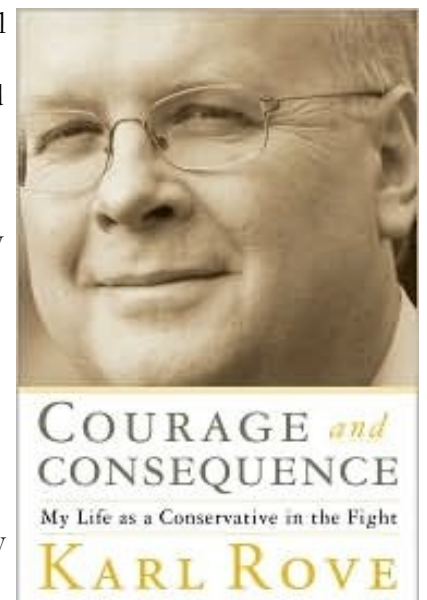
**Elizabeth Weidner, President Republican Women of Pitt County**



## Karl Rove's New Book, Courage and Consequence

From the moment he set foot on it, Karl Rove has rocketed America's political stage. He ran the national College Republicans at twenty-two, and turned a Texas dominated by Democrats into a bastion for Republicans. Rove launched George W. Bush to national renown by unseating a popular Democratic governor, and then orchestrated a GOP White House win at a time when voters had little reason to throw out the incumbent party. Rove is known as "the Architect." In Rove's new memoir, Courage and Consequence, he frankly responds to critics, passionately articulating his political philosophy, and defends the choices he made on the campaign trail and in the White House.

Some of the controversial topics that are addressed in this new book, are the real story of how George W. Bush defeated governor Ann Richards, how Bush chose Dick Cheney as his presidential running mate, the defection of Vermont Senator Jim Jeffords, why Obama is wrong on healthcare and much more. Karl Rove served as Senior Advisor to President George W. Bush from 2000-2007 and Deputy Chief of Staff from 2004-2007. He now writes a weekly op-ed for *The Wall Street Journal* and is a *Newsweek* Columnist and contributor to Fox News.



## Legislative Report

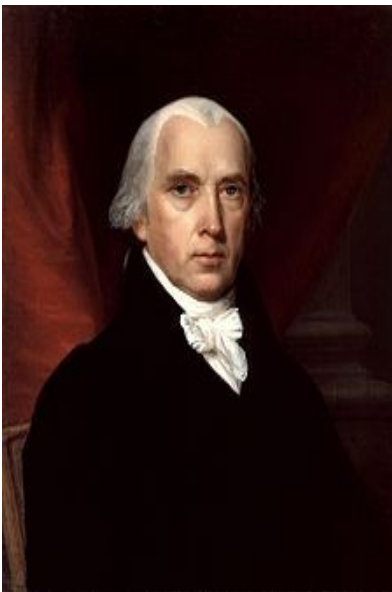
**Storm Relief Denial-** President Obama has denied individual aid for storm relief intended for “homeowners, renters and employers” in Connecticut. A few days earlier he had declared a “major disaster declaration” which provided funding to “state and municipal governments in Fairfield, Middlesex, and New London counties,” according to NBC Connecticut.

**Climate Change Bill-** Senator Richard Reid has announced (April 28) that the Senate will move ahead on the Climate Change Bill before immigration legislation. It is anticipated that the bill will be voted on by June 2010. He says that he is also “committed to passing immigration reform this year.” On April 19, the U.S. Sent a new draft report on climate change to the United Nations (UN), a strategy to set the stage for a Senate bill that was to be introduced by Senators John Kerry D-MA, Joe Lieberman I-CT, and Lindsay Graham R-SC on April 26. Their unveiling did not occur because Graham said the timing was not right due to partisan politics and the belief that the Democrats would debate immigration first. The report to the UN warns about “warming air and oceans, vanishing mountain glaciers, thawing permafrost, signs of instability in the ice sheets of Greenland and Antarctica and rising sea levels.”

**Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP)-** According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the Obama administration has set aside \$1.5 billion in TARP funds to allocate the five states affected the most by mortgage crisis. The money will be allocated as follows: Arizona \$125 million, Florida \$418 million, Michigan \$155 million, California \$700 million and Nevada \$100 million. Some of the states’ proposals are to pay down loan balances or to subsidize loan payments for the unemployed.

*The above information was copied from the April 29, 2010 NC Federation of Republican Women- Legislative Report, Submitted by Brenda T. Formo.*

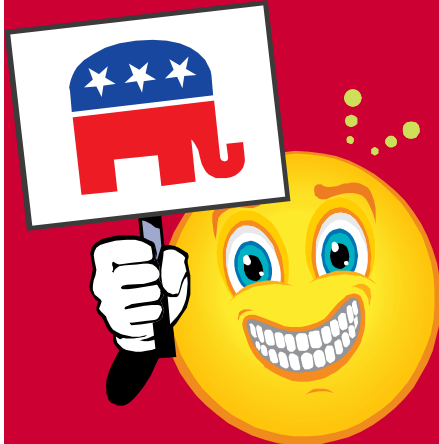
## Remembering the 4th President of the US– James Madison 1809-1817



James Madison was an American politician and political philosopher who served as the fourth President of the United States from 1809-1817. and is considered one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. Starting out as a lawyer, Madison learned and formed his ideas about religious freedom thus starting his political career and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates serving two terms from 1780-1786. Madison joined Alexander Hamilton and John Jay to write the Federalist Papers in 1787-88. Then he went on to be a leader in the House of Representatives, working closely with President George Washington to organize the new federal government. Breaking with Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton in 1791, Madison and Thomas Jefferson organized what they called the Republican Party (later called the Democratic-Republican Party) in opposition to key policies of the Federalists, especially the national bank and Jay treaty. As Jefferson’s Secretary of State from 1801-1809, Madison supervised the Louisiana Purchase, doubling the nation’s size, and sponsored the ill-fated Embargo Act of 1807. As President, he led the nation into the War of 1812 against Great Britain. During and after the war, Madison reversed many of his positions. By 1815, he supported the creation of the second National Bank, a strong military and high tariff to protect the new factories opened during the war. After leaving office in 1817, Madison retired to Montpelier, Virginia. He was the last Founding Father to die on June 18, 1836 at the age of 85.

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## Friendly Reminders

If you have not paid your annual dues, please see Elizabeth Weidner. Dues are currently \$25.00 per year. Checks can be made payable to Republican Women of Pitt County.

RWPC now has a Facebook and Twitter page. If you have questions on how to become part of the group, please see Elizabeth Weidner.

The Pitt County GOP office is in need of **volunteers** who can maintain the office and work the phones. If you have free time, please contact Ginny Cooper through the website [www.pittgop.org](http://www.pittgop.org)

During all lunch meetings, there will be an extra table at the door, one for sign-in and nametags and one for **jewelry** and **raffle ticket** sales. Help support RWPC when you purchase.

**Give2theTroops** is in need of volunteers to come help stuff care packages for the troops. The facility is open Monday and Thursday afternoons as well as Saturday mornings.

## Upcoming Events

- The June RWPC meeting will be **Thursday June 17, 2010** at City Hotel and Bistro located off Greenville Blvd. A thirty minute meet and greet will be from 11:30am-12:00pm so that you can have a chance to speak with other RWPC members. The buffet Lunch is \$10.00. To RSVP, please call Elizabeth Weidner at 252-321-4034
- The July RWPC meeting will be **Thursday July 15, 2010** at City Hotel and Bistro located off Greenville Blvd. A thirty minute meet and greet will be from 11:30am-12:00pm so that you can have a chance to speak with other RWPC members. The buffet Lunch is \$10.00. To RSVP, please call Elizabeth Weidner at 252-321-4034
- **June 4-6, 2010** is the NC 2010 State Convention in Winston Salem at the Marriott and Benton Convention Center.
- **September 8-11, 2010** is the National Federation of Republican Women Convention in North Charleston, SC
- **September 12-18, 2010** is NFRW Voter Registration Drive
- **November 2, 2010** is Election Day.

