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*From the Committee Chair...*

## Americans at Their Best

As I attended one of the more than two thousand T.E.A. parties this past week, I saw America at its best. The crowd consisted of many ages: seniors, boomers, parents of small children and kids. I saw veterans walking around with signs asking for our elected officials to take some responsibility for what they are doing. Another sign that comes to mind is the sign of a young child that read "Please don't break my piggy bank". I thought of the tremendous debt that our government is placing on these children that have yet to get started in their adult lives. It will be interesting to see what the pay scale will be when these youngsters have to start paying this debt. Should the American people be burdened by the government's path of spending and taxation? As Washington continues to spend like someone who hit the jackpot, America is getting deeper and deeper into debt and more people are losing their jobs, and subsequently their homes. I will concede that some have brought this upon themselves by living beyond their means – in plain terms, by spending more than they have coming in. Economics 101 tells us that for every dollar going out we must have more coming in.



I believe that the average American believes in paying their fair share of taxes and helping other people out when there is a need to be met. Our elected officials need to understand this same concept and they can learn from the American people. I have a difficult time believing their claims that they have the interest of the people at hand, while spending future generations' birthright. We the people must be proactive in standing up for what we believe and in what we are asking our elected officials to do.

God bless you all and God bless this wonderful nation and its leaders. May His countenance shine on those that are serving our country and their families.

"I wish it were possible to (amend our) constitution with... an additional article taking from the federal government the power of borrowing."

~Thomas Jefferson

Mike Sevak  
Chairman RPBC

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## *In the News...*

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Friday, April 3, 2009

HCR1011 - CLAIMING STATES' RIGHTS UNDER THE TENTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

HCR1022 - TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS APPLICATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES THAT IT CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO BALANCE THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Rep. Debra Hobbs (R-Rogers) reported that the two resolutions passed out of committee, however, after the Democrat caucus leader spoke against HCR1011, it and HCR1022 both died on the House floor. The vote tally was 52 'Neys' to 35 'Yeas' and 13 Not Voting. "I think both resolutions were important; unfortunately, many Democrats did not agree. One Republican, Les Carnine also voted against the Constitution Convention rescission."  
- Rep. Hobbs                      Keep trying Representative Hobbs!!!

SB799 - TO INCREASE ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

Senators Bledsoe and Hendren voted 'Nay' to "Any tuition rate that is granted to residents of Arkansas shall be granted on the same terms to all persons who have attended a secondary educational institution in Arkansas for at least three (3) years and who have either graduated from an Arkansas high school or received a general education diploma in the state. In addition, a student without documented immigration status shall file an affidavit with the state-supported institution of higher education stating that the student has an intent to legalize his or her immigration status. The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall promulgate rules necessary to implement this act.

On a lighter note, Senator Hendren had a resolution pass that will honor President Reagan's birthday, February 6th. Senator Hendren says he's excited because February 6th is also his birthday but he hopes that he has more in common with Ronald Reagan than just a common birthday! The wording of this bill is just too wonderful not to share...



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## *In the news... (continued)*

SCR5 - TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 6 AS "RONALD REAGAN DAY"

WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble background, worked throughout his life serving freedom and advancing the public good, having been employed as an entertainer, union leader, corporate spokesman, Governor of California, and President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the 40th President of the United States of America, the second in which he earned the confidence of three-fifths of the electorate and was victorious in 49 of the 50 states in the general election, a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated President, he inherited a disillusioned nation shackled by rampant inflation and high unemployment; and

WHEREAS, during President Reagan's presidency, he worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to government, which led to an unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to an active social policy agenda for the nation's children helped lower crime and drug use in our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America, strengthened her values and those cherished by the free world, and prepared America's armed forces to win the Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's vision of "peace through strength" led to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for millions of people; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2004, President Reagan died at the age of ninety-three; and

WHEREAS, February 6 is the birth date of Ronald Reagan,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives recognize February 6, 2009, as "Ronald Reagan Day".

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## *GOP Allied Club Notes...*

Bella Vista Republican Women (BVRW) - Meetings are on the fourth Monday at 9:00a.m. for social time and meeting at 9:30a.m. we usually go until 10:30a.m. or a little there after. We meet at the Concordia Retirement Center in Bella Vista. Contact: Brenda DeShields, Club President.

Benton County Republican Women (BCRW) - General Meeting May 19, 2009 at the Samaritan Community Center, 1211 Hudson Rd. in Rogers, AR. Guest Speaker: Senator Cecile Bledsoe and Representative Donna Hutchinson who will present a program about the recent legislative session, 12 p.m. Please come and be our Guest! All Republican Women are welcome. Email: john0327@gmail.com

Republican Men of Benton County (RMBC) - Meetings are on the fourth Friday at Metfield Club, 1 Euston Rd. in Bella Vista, at 12 p.m. Contact: Sen. Kim Hendren, Club President, Ph. 479-790-5600, kimhendren@cox.net

Republican Women of Bentonville (BVRW) - Meetings are on the second Thursday at the Bentonville library at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Sara Davidson, Club President, Ph. 479-659-1965, sjdavid@yahoo.com

Siloam Springs Republican Women(SSRW) - April 27th at the Siloam Signature Bank Community Room, 200 Progress Ave. Coffee time is 6:30 and Program is at 7 p.m. The club will host State Senator Kim Hendren. He will be speaking about his recent announcement of running for U.S. Senate. Joyce Phillips, Vice Chair of the National Federation of Republican Women Membership Committee was going to be the guest speaker but because of family reasons had to postpone to a future date.

"To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and Tyrannical "  
~ Thomas Jefferson



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## *Next Republican Party of Benton County Committee Meeting:*

April 28th, 7 p.m. at the Benton County Public Services Building on Highway 102 West. We are asking all those that come to the meeting to please bring 2 canned food items to the meeting. We will donate the food to the Samaritan House soup kitchen this month.

## *Upcoming Events:*

Allied Groups- please make use of the community calendar on the RPBC website by contacting Cindy Beam with your meeting / event information at [pr@bentoncountygop.org](mailto:pr@bentoncountygop.org)

## *Announcement:*

Sarah Davidson has been elected for the Nominating Committee for the Arkansas Federation of Republican Women.

The developer of the RPBC website will work with allied groups to develop and link a webpage to the RPBC website. Please contact Mike Sevak for more information.

## *From the newsletter editor:*

We are still working on the online format of the newsletter. I invite you to view the newsletter at it's temporary home [www.nogy.net/bcgop](http://www.nogy.net/bcgop) and send your comments on the format. Send email response to Leigh Nogy, Asst. Secretary at [maltster@nogy.net](mailto:maltster@nogy.net)

## *Submissions to the newsletter:*

Please submit articles, associated club news, meetings, fundraiser announcements, etc. by the 9th day of the month to Barbara Tillman, Secretary RPBC, [secretary@bentoncountygop.org](mailto:secretary@bentoncountygop.org).

## *Get Involved:*

The May meeting of the RPBC will include a social and a meal. If you would like to help with the arrangements, please contact Mike Sevak.

## *Contact Information:*

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