After his success with President Clinton, Carville focused on international consulting and worked with political leaders in Greece, Brazil, Argentina and Canada, among others. In 1999, he helped Ehud Barak in a successful campaign to become Prime Minister of Israel.

Aside from the previously mentioned All’s Fair: Love, War, and Running for President, Carville has written such books as We’re Right, They’re Wrong: A Handbook for Spirited Progressives and Had Enough? A Handbook for Fighting Back. He’s even penned children’s books such as Lu and the Swamp Ghost and Take It Back.

Finally, Carville is a first-rate entertainer. In 2003, he and his wife starred in the political drama “K Street,” which was based on the lives of Washington political consultants. He is a regular commentator and contributor to CNN and co-produced a remake of the 1949 film “All the King’s Men,” starring Sean Penn, Anthony Hopkins and other well-known actors.

The combination of Mary Matalin and James Carville at the 2012 Opening Session is sure to be an informative, educational and entertaining kick-off to ANESTHESIOLOGY 2012 during this crucially important year in American politics.

No matter which way you lean politically, you don’t want to miss it!

New This Year:
ASA/APSF Ellison (Jeep) C. Pierce Lecture on Patient Safety
Saturday, October 13
10:25–11:20 a.m.
(Immediately following the ASA Opening Session.)

Be sure to stick around after the talk by James Carville and Mary Matalin. Immediately following will be the inaugural ASA/APSF Ellison (Jeep) C. Pierce Lecture on Patient Safety. In a collaborative effort between the ASA and the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation (APSF), this exciting new event will present Donald Berwick, M.D., former Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, as the featured speaker, who will offer his views on “How Anesthesiologists Can Continue to Lead in Patient Safety.”

Donald Berwick recently stepped down as CMS Administrator. For 22 years prior, he was the founding CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, a nonprofit dedicated to improving health care around the world. A pediatrician by background, he also serves on the faculty of Harvard Medical School. For his important role in helping to design Britain’s health care system, Dr. Berwick was named a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in London and Honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire. He is a Professor at the Harvard Medical School and the recipient of many awards, including the Ernest A. Codman Award, the American Hospital Association’s Award of Honor, and the Heinz Award for Public Policy. Dr. Berwick has been published in a variety of professional journals on such topics as health care policy and health care quality management, and his books include Curing Health Care and New Rules: Regulation, Markets and the Quality of American Health Care.