



# The ROADwomen Register

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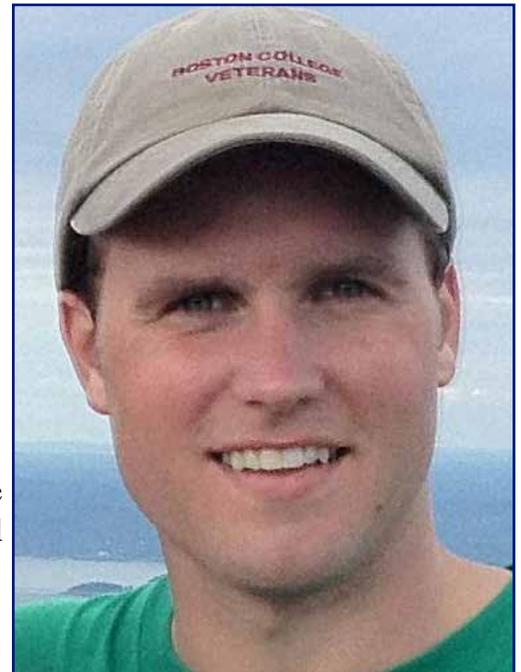
## THE CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGE

Despite Senator Marco Rubio's recent foot-in-mouth comment about whether or not he "believed" in climate change, the debate over whether there is or is not global warming is done, even though politicians and pollsters still want to make it a matter of opinion. As John Oliver said on his new HBO show last Sunday, you may as well ask the question, "Are there hats?"

The challenge now is what next. What can we do, as a society, as a country, as a world, to address the coming crisis. Join Roadwomen on Tuesday, May 20, as Michael Quirke, executive director of Climate Change National Forum, leads a panel of diverse experts in a discussion of where we go from here.

The discussion will focus on the changing attitudes of the oil companies, some climate change science and math, the option of a revenue-neutral carbon tax, and the Keystone pipeline.

Don't miss this important forum on an issue that is destined to affect us all.



NEXT  
MEETING  
May 20, 2014

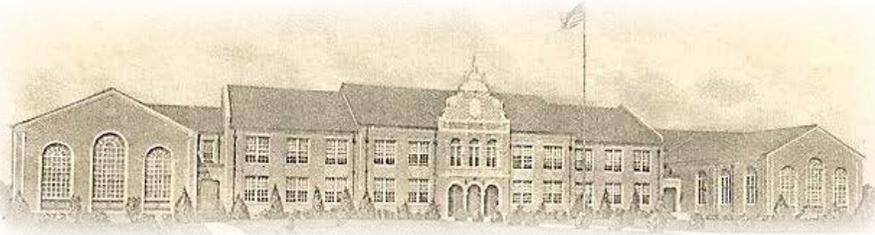
*Michael Quirke*  
Executive Director  
Climate Change  
National Forum

...a weapon of mass education.



# Muriel Stubbs' News Update: The Way We Were (or, if you had a good high school French teacher, which I did, *À la Recherche du Temps Perdu*)

Every year at this time, when I begin to see on TV or hear of caps and gowns and diplomas and senior proms—or what passes for them nowadays—I get That Old Feeling—or, more accurately, those old feelings and sensations. I see and feel myself back in an old building that no longer exists but that never seemed old to me, in an aisle in the auditorium, from which I can smell the cafeteria just behind it. I could never sort out those smells—soup, chili, hamburgers, sweat and some indefinable something, the odor of which bound everything together. It has occurred to me that that might be the smell of nostalgia, but I never smelled it in the high school building that I spent the most time in when I was teaching. I was fond of that building, too, but I didn't feel about it the way I felt about the building of my youth. Perhaps the reason is that the first building was in



TJHS

my hometown and home state, both of which I loved inordinately—and left: Port Arthur, Texas. And the building, which I also loved, was Thomas Jefferson High School. No matter what soulless real estate people erect over the spot, I could

tell you exactly where it stood and where each of about a dozen rooms had been located and about what ghosts probably still haunt those spots.

The sad thing about the town and the state is that they no longer exist, either. Both have been overrun by Republicans and those Johnny-come-lately Tea Party oafs who, since they—sort of—got out of the woods, seem hell-bent on laying waste to everything in their paths, including institutions like education, freedom, honesty and decency, and documents like The Constitution.

When I went to TJHS, it almost didn't matter which party your daddy gave money to because TJ had its own parties, the Maroon and the Gold. These were, of course, the school colors. Each homeroom was named for a state—mine was Arizona—until you were a senior, when each homeroom became a district of the state of Texas. You needed these divisions for the conventions held every year to choose the student body officers, who presided over the school Congress, which met once a week with members that each state elected to represent them. Each party had a separate convention, one in the auditorium and the other in the Field House, which contained the boys' gym. These were joyous, noisy affairs, with lots of speeches and lots of parades with state banners and candidate signs. All of the candidates then had a week to advertise, and then we had the election. The swearing-in took place at the next meeting of Congress.

Evidence that we learned a lot from these exercises is that when I was a junior, Congress impeached the student body president and threw him out of office for betting against the football team in an important game that we lost. I've had many years to wonder what effect that day had

on him and to regret what we did, but there's no doubt that everybody in school then had a chance to learn a lot about democratic government. They could've been explaining stuff like impeachment to their neighbors all these years. Or not. It all depends, as all education does, on what "took."

So here I am, three or four generations later, yearning to return to something past—not our teen-age years; who would want to replay that pain?—but a way of looking at the world, a way of thinking. In those days, we knew our teachers were smart and capable and that they wouldn't knowingly mislead us. They wouldn't lie to us or try to direct us into a crooked path. It would be a natural transition to transfer that trust to our elected leaders. But, in the words to that song up there, "Would we? Could we?" The answer is, of course, "No." The world, sadly, doesn't work that way anymore. Our teachers, my teachers, are dead and gone, and the politicians I can trust the way I used to trust my teachers are so few that I sometimes think someone—parents? government? church? a group like ROADwomen? (Nah, nah, nah, and maybe)—should issue each kid, when she/he takes her/his first step, a lantern with a lifetime battery and a good, focused beam with which to look for an honest, trustworthy person to elect to public office. For prototypes, we could use Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders and Jimmy Carter. For icons to

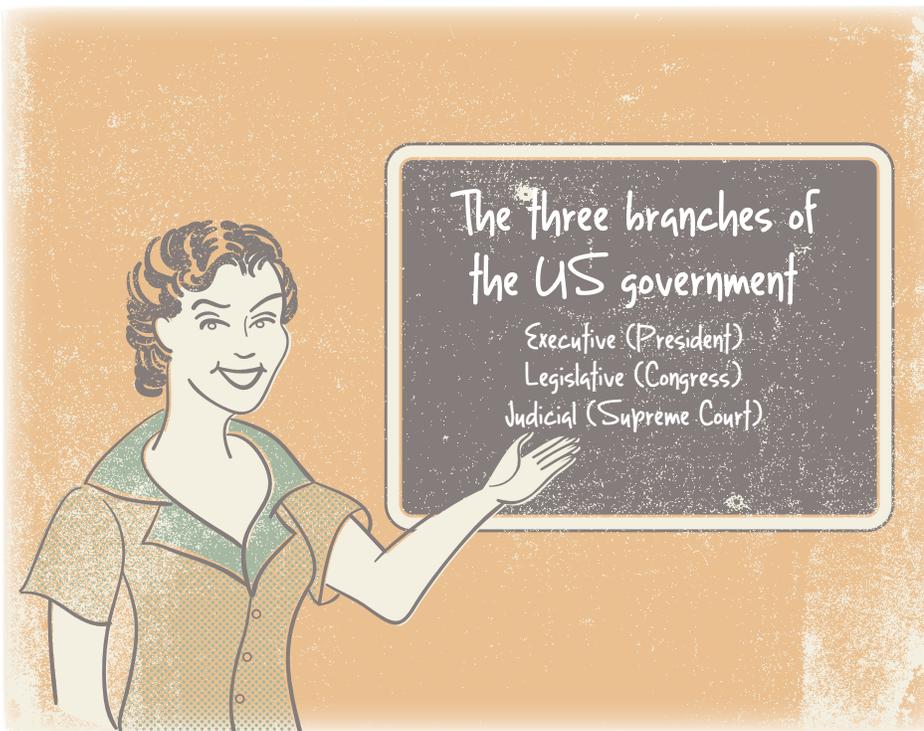
pray to, we could use Molly Ivins and Barbara Jordan and Will Rogers and maybe one of our high school teachers of sainted memory.

There were, of course and thank God, those teachers—the ones whose words you still remember—whose gestures and habits you copied because you admired them so much. The ones who knew the answer to every question you ever asked, or at least understood why you asked it. The ones who gave advice that became part of your personality and your way of seeing the world and looking at life. They were, on occasion, more important than

your parents. More so than anyone else, they accepted you the way you were or they accepted the way you wanted to be. Nowadays, these are the people who should be talked about or shown on TV because they are still there, moving and shaking the world a little at a time. You know them, and you know the good that they do.

Well.

Yes, I know it's idle to want to return, even with Marcel Proust, to a time and/or place lost in the mists, but gee, wouldn't it be great if we could go back to just a little bit of the way we were?



*You're Invited*  
**ROADwomen's Inaugural  
Heart of the City Brunch**

10:00 am  
Saturday, June 7, 2014  
The Junior League of Houston  
1811 Briar Oaks Lane, Houston, 77027

A Salute to Dynamic Women in Business  
Honoring Houston's First Lady

**KATHY HUBBARD**

2014 Businesswomen with a Heart

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CEO Level, \$2000- Full page ad in the program, 10 person table, 3 tickets  
to the VIP reception, recognition at the event

President Level, \$1500- Half page ad in the program, 10 person table, 2  
tickets to the VIP reception, recognition at the event

Founder Level, \$1000- Quarter page ad in the program, 10 person table, 1  
ticket to the VIP reception, recognition at the event

Shareholder Level, \$100- 1 ticket to the brunch and recognition at the  
event

RSVP with Shelby Hansen at [ROADwomen@LillieSchechter.com](mailto:ROADwomen@LillieSchechter.com)

Buy your tickets at [www.roadwomen.com/salute\\_to\\_kathy\\_hubbard](http://www.roadwomen.com/salute_to_kathy_hubbard)

**Texas Democrats will choose a candidate for US Senator and  
Texas Agriculture Commissioner on Tuesday, May 27.  
Early Voting begins Monday, May 19, and continues through Friday, May 23.  
Your vote is important!**

## **TAKE THE PLEDGE!**

*I will vote...  
...by mail  
...early or  
...on Election Day*

*But I will vote!*

*and I'll make sure my friends vote, too.*



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### **May 20th Meeting — RSVP NOW! The Climate Change Challenge**

**Michael Quirke and a panel of climate experts (*complete list on page 6*)  
Tuesday, May 20, 2014; refreshments at 5:30 p.m.; meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

**Where: St. Stephen's Parish Hall  
1805 W. Alabama**

**Refreshments: Enjoy!**

The panel for our Climate Change Forum at the May 20th meeting reads like who's who from the community of climate scientists:

Jim Rine, *President of Oil Patch Democrats and research geologist*  
Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, *Texas State Climatologist and a CCNF co-founder*

Dr. Barry Lefer, *Associate Chair of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Houston and also a CCNF co-founder*

David Hone, *Chief Climate Change Adviser for Shell's CO2 team*

Dr. Andrew Dressler, *Professor of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M* with moderator Michael Quirke, *CCNF Executive Director*

Don't miss the important program!

Notes from  
President  
Diane Mosier



I'm so proud that ROADwomen sponsored five tables at the Annie's List Houston luncheon. What a great opportunity to hear from Wendy Davis and Leticia Van de Putte, our next governor and lieutenant governor!

## Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast Action Fund Luncheon

The annual Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast Action Fund Luncheon is Monday, May 19, at the St. Regis Hotel, 1919 Briar Oaks Lane.

Tickets are \$125 per person.

The featured speaker this year is Amy Taylor, National Political Director of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

Tickets are available on line at <http://pphsetactionfund.org>.

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Yes! I want to be a member of ROADwomen at the level checked below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

*(The State of Texas requires occupation information)*

This is a Gift Membership for:

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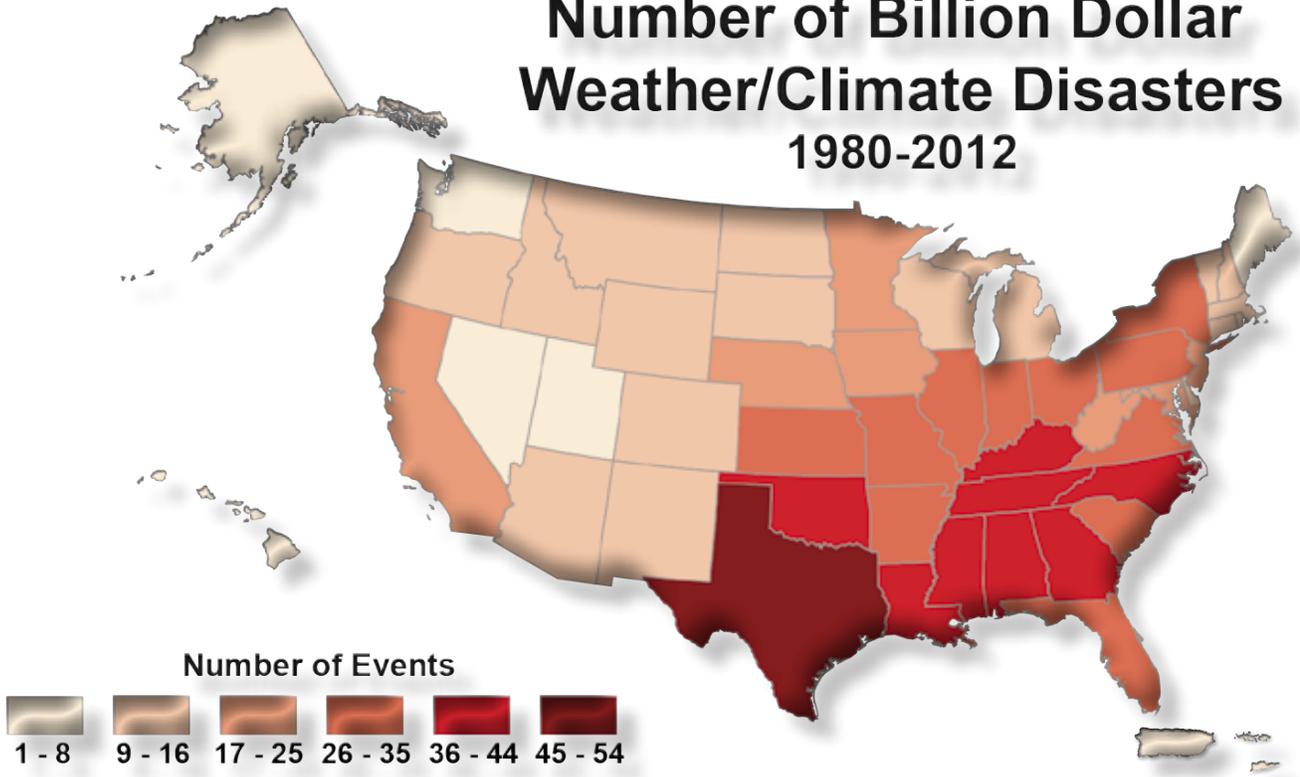
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# Why Texans Should Care About Climate Change

## Number of Billion Dollar Weather/Climate Disasters 1980-2012



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