

An Evening with Bob Schieffer:
Remembering John F. Kennedy



Friday, November 15, 2013



On November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy delivered the final two speeches of his life to audiences in Fort Worth. He spoke about the nation's international leadership and its ambitions to explore outer space. He also praised Fort Worth's role in the nation's history.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's death, the Fort Worth Library proudly presents ***An Evening with Bob Schieffer: Remembering John F. Kennedy***. During this program, CBS 11 News anchor Tracy Kornet will interview the veteran journalist about the day the president was assassinated and how the tragedy continues to affect us today.

The Library is also hosting ***JFK in Fort Worth: A Lasting Impression***, a special exhibit documenting Kennedy's visit to Fort Worth, Lee Harvey Oswald's connection to the city and the planning and design of the JFK Tribute.

"Due to the tragic events that unfolded that day, President Kennedy's visit to Fort Worth is often overlooked," said Fort Worth Library Director Gleniece Robinson. "We hope this exhibit will provide additional context to that period in history."



Fort Worth Library Director
Gleniece Robinson

Exhibit Highlights

- Photographs from the collection of Gene Gordon, Fort Worth Press photographer who covered Kennedy's visit and the funeral of Lee Harvey Oswald.
- Photographs from the collections of the Fort Worth Library, Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, University of Texas at Arlington and Texas Christian University.
- From the collection of Douglas Harman, documents used to plan the Chamber of Commerce breakfast at which Kennedy delivered his final speech. Displayed publicly for the first time, the collection includes photographs, notes regarding gifts for the Kennedys, seating charts and letters.
- A class photo from Ridglea West Elementary School that includes Lee Harvey Oswald.
- Items from the Dallas Police Department files related to the arrest of Oswald.

The free exhibit continues through December 6, 2013.

This exhibit is funded in part by the City of Fort Worth; the Friends of the Fort Worth Public Library, Inc.; and The Fort Worth Public Library Foundation.

PROGRAM

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7 p.m.

Welcome

Library Director Gleniece Robinson
City of Fort Worth

Mayor Betsy Price
City of Fort Worth

Master of Ceremonies

Representative Kay Granger
U.S. House of Representatives

Special Remarks

London Zambito
Dunbar Young Men's Leadership Academy

Taylor and Shirlee J. Gandy
Co-Chairs, JFK Tribute, Fort Worth

Presentation

Tracy Kornet
CBS 11 News Anchor

Bob Schieffer
CBS News Chief Washington Correspondent and Host of *Face the Nation*

Closing Remarks

Representative Kay Granger

Bob Schieffer



Bob Schieffer has worked as a reporter for 56 years, including 44 years at CBS News. He is one of the few journalists to have covered all four major beats in the nation's capital: the White House, Pentagon, State Department and Capitol Hill.

A former anchor of the CBS Evening News, Schieffer has moderated *Face the Nation*, CBS News' Sunday public affairs program, since 1991. He is also CBS News' chief Washington correspondent, a position he has held since 1982.

Remembering November 1963

In those days, I was the night police reporter at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. I worked the 6 p.m.-to-2:30 a.m. shift, made \$115 a week and thought it was probably the best job in the world. I couldn't think of a better one.

And that week, one of the biggest stories in America was happening in Fort Worth. Presidents didn't usually travel much in those days, and President Kennedy had come to Texas to raise money and to heal the rift between the liberal wing of the Democratic Party, headed by Senator Ralph Yarborough, and the conservative wing, led by Governor John Connally.

The president and the White House press corps that traveled with him flew into Fort Worth's Carswell Air Force Base from Houston. He received an overwhelmingly friendly reception. Thousands of people cheered the president when he arrived at Carswell, and more people cheered as his motorcade moved from the base to the Hotel Texas.

It was unusual for the president and the vice president to appear at the same gathering, but they and their wives, plus Connally, Fort Worth Congressman Jim Wright and other dignitaries were to gather the next morning for breakfast at the hotel. Local citizens headed by Star-Telegram founder Amon Carter's daughter, Ruth, and local banker Sam Cantey had assembled a priceless collection of art, which the Kennedys found hanging in their hotel suites when they arrived.

My wife to be (we didn't know each other in those days) was at the breakfast, and my brother, Tom, who was in high school, was in the hotel parking lot where the president also spoke at an outdoor rally. I was sound asleep because I was not assigned to cover Kennedy's arrival.

But just hours later, my brother returned to our family home and awoke me with the startling news that the president had been shot. There began one of the most tragic episodes in American history and, for me, an adventure that I will never forget.

Tracy Kornet

Tracy Kornet is a five-time Emmy Award-winning host, reporter and news anchor.

After receiving her degree in communications from the University of Kentucky, she worked for eight years as a morning anchor in Lexington, Ky. In 2000, she moved to Phoenix, Ariz., to launch and host the area's first morning magazine show.

Kornet joined KTVT-TV/KTXA-TV in 2006 to anchor *News First in Prime*, a two-hour local primetime newscast, which enjoyed a five-year run. In 2008, she became co-anchor of CBS 11 News at 4, which she has anchored ever since.

She says her most exciting television moments were co-hosting *The View* in New York, appearing on *Good Morning America*, and interviewing Will Ferrell and the cast of *Saturday Night Live*.

Her favorite hobby is cheering on her kids, Luke, Nicole and John, who all play college basketball.

Kornet's husband, Frank, a former NBA player, is a high school basketball coach at Liberty Christian School in Argyle, Texas.



Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price



Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price took office in 2011 and was re-elected to a second two-year term in 2013.

In addition to promoting jobs, strengthening education, fighting crime and improving mobility, she has focused on making Fort Worth a healthy, engaged and fiscally responsible city. She helped organize FitWorth, a citywide initiative to encourage active lifestyles and healthy habits in children and adults. She has championed public engagement initiatives like SteerFW, walking and rolling town halls and YourFortWorth.org, an online public forum for Fort Worth residents.

Prior to being elected mayor, Price served 11 years as Tarrant County's tax assessor.

Her numerous honors include the Presidential Award from the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas and the Altrusa Civic Award for professional and volunteer contributions to the community.

A Fort Worth native, Price graduated from Arlington Heights High School and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington. Since then, she has been an active mother and a leader in the Fort Worth community, serving on numerous boards, commissions and professional associations.

She has been married to Tom, an insurance agent, for more than 40 years and has three adult children, Kathryn, Phillip and Paul. In her spare time, Price is an avid cyclist and enjoys spending quality time with her three grandsons, Chapel, Price and Dalton.

U.S. Representative Kay Granger



A former teacher, small business owner and mayor of Fort Worth, Congresswoman Kay Granger was first elected to represent the 12th Congressional District of Texas in 1997. She is a senior member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and the top Republican on the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee. She is also a majority deputy whip and serves on the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development.

In recognition of her achievements, Granger received the Air Force Foundation Award and the Marine Corps' Semper Fidelis Award. She has been honored with the Tax Fighter Award by the National Tax Limitation Committee and the Spirit of Enterprise Award by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, the National Association of Manufacturers recognized her for her pro-growth, pro-worker voting record.

Born in Greenville, Texas, Granger was raised in Fort Worth. Majoring in education, she graduated from Texas Wesleyan University and became a high school journalism and English teacher. In 1978, she opened her own insurance agency, operating it for over 20 years, and became the first woman inducted into the Fort Worth Business Hall of Fame. In 1991, she was elected as the first female mayor of Fort Worth. Granger, who attends the First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, is a mother of three and a proud grandmother to five.





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