

Coppell chamber speaker discusses JFK assassination theories

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Almost 50 years after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, the question of who killed him and why is still unanswered and the topic of many discussions.

Members of the Coppell Chamber of Commerce and visitors listened carefully as Dennis McCuistion talked about the various theories at the chamber's Fourth Friday Luncheon on Aug. 23 at the Coppell Senior and Community Center.

McCuistion, host of the McCuistion television program which appears weekly on PBS throughout the United States, has interviewed a large number of people who were either present at the assassination of Kennedy, or who had some connection with Kennedy just prior to his death.

He said the man who drove Lee Harvey Oswald into Dallas on the morning in which Kennedy was shot said he did not believe Oswald had anything to do with the assassination.

Still, there were questions about Oswald's connections to Russia, Cuba, South America and even South Texas that caused people to wonder if Oswald was involved and possibly even the lone killer.

Were there extra shots fired other than from the sixth floor of the School Book Depository Building, or were they simply the backfirings of a nearby motorcycle. And were shots fired from a grassy knoll?

McCuistion said many people question whether Oswald acted alone, or even at all in the assassination of the president.

McCuistion brought several books with him to the chamber meeting, all of which presented theories as to who may have been involved in the assassination, or who may have wanted Kennedy assassinated.

They included "Blood, Money & Power: How LBJ killed JFK," by Barr McClellan. In that book, McClellan claims to have proof that either Johnson or his people were involved in the plot to have JFK assassinated.

But a book by Peter Janney offers another possibility. The book is called "Mary's Mosaic: The CIA Conspiracy to Murder John F. Kennedy, Mary Pinchot Meyer and Their Vision for World Peace."

McCuistion said Kennedy, in addition to an involvement with Marilyn Monroe, also had affairs with Mary Pinchot Meyer and other prominent women of his day.

McCuistion also said he talked with Billy Sol Estes, a West Texas businessman who was known to have dealings with Johnson. He said Estes believed that Johnson had at least inside information about the assassination that was never made public.

Cliff Long, Coppell chamber chairman and longtime friend of McCuistion, said McCuistion had filmed seven shows on JFK on the day and evening before coming to speak to the Coppell chamber.