



# BRANDING IRON

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## Last Week: President Theodore Roosevelt



Rotary was privileged to enjoy a visit last week from our nation’s 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt. The president regaled attendees with stories of his time in the Dakota Badlands, including the dance he did around his bison at the end of a long and wearying but successful hunt—and the \$100 tip he paid in gratitude to his hunting guide, Joe Ferris.



President Roosevelt spoke of being a sickly child struggling with asthma, and the treatments that were deemed helpful during his time: drinking black coffee, smoking a cigar, and swallowing ipecac.

Roosevelt remembered with relish his visit to Dickinson to celebrate Independence Day in 1886. He gave his first great national speech on that occasion, including the statement, “Like all Americans, I like big things; big prairies, big forests and mountains, big wheat fields, railroads—and herds of cattle, too... But we must keep steadily in mind that no people were ever yet benefitted by riches if their prosperity corrupted their virtue. It is of more importance that we should show ourselves honest, brave, truthful, and intelligent than that we should own all the railways and grain elevators in the world.”

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### **This Week’s Greeters Are:**

Merry Johnston & Shawn Kessel

### Next Week:

Mike Kiedrowski & Sharon Kilzer

### **Give Thanks Today: Tim Priebe**

**Next Week:** Dawn Pruitt

Lord, be with us as we share this meal and walk with us through the rest of this day. Help us to serve you in our co-workers, our families, and those we meet. Amen.

### **Your Program Today:**

Mayor Dennis Johnson, State of the City

### **Coming Up:**

July 8—Chad Billings, Bolivia Trip

**Program Chair: Guy Moos Next Month: TBD**

### **Birthdays**

Bruce Howe 7/2

## Announcements:

- Please check your information in the **Rotary Directory** (sent recently by email) and send any corrections to Harvey Brock at [hbrock@thedickinsonpress.com](mailto:hbrock@thedickinsonpress.com).
- Sneak Pique Productions presents the play ***Alice in Wonderland*** this weekend in Stickney Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door, with performances Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Rotarian Rob Eilts is a royal member of the cast!
- **Volunteers are needed** for the Best Friends Mentoring Family Fun Day on July 4. Please contact Mark Billings ([mark@bestfriendsnd.org](mailto:mark@bestfriendsnd.org)) or Kris Fehr ([kris@bestfriendsnd.org](mailto:kris@bestfriendsnd.org)) to volunteer.

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Rotarian Guy Moos will have occasion soon to visit the site of TR's inauguration in Buffalo, New York, so he asked the president to describe the circumstances of that event. President McKinley had been shot by an anarchist during the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, and at first he seemed to be recovering from the wound, so Roosevelt's advisors encouraged the vice president to continue his family vacation plans in the Adirondacks, to reassure the country that all was well. TR was camping near Mount Marcy, the highest peak in New York, when he received the message that the president had taken a turn for the worse, so he raced by buckboard and train to Buffalo, where he was inaugurated in the home of a friend, Ansley Wilcox.

Among TR's legacies, he is most proud of the Panama Canal, but he is perhaps best known for the childhood toy, the teddy bear. After an unsuccessful hunt in Mississippi, TR returned to find his hosts had captured an old bear for him to shoot. He declined to kill the tied-up bear, and Clifford Berryman drew a cartoon depicting the incident. A toy company saw the cartoon and asked TR for permission to produce a child's stuffed toy and call it "Teddy's Bear."

*President Roosevelt is portrayed by Rotarian Joe Weigand of the Encinitas, CA, Rotary Club.*

## Paul Harris Award

Debbie Thompson received the Paul Harris Award for donating \$1,000 (or earning 1,000 points) to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations, Debbie!



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## Last Meeting Visitors

- Becki Hoff and Bev Turbiville, guests of Kari Shea
- Bob Carruth, advertising director for the Dickinson Press, guest of Harvey Brock