

## THOMAS JEFFERSON – THE HAND SHAKER, WORLD SHAKER, PARTY MAKER



- Wrote the Declaration of Independence
- Signer of the Constitution
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (under President John Adams)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> President of the US.
- Thomas Jefferson sometimes spent \$50 a day (about \$993 today) for groceries because of his lavish entertaining.
- Mr. Casual: Sometimes wore a robe and slippers at White House events
- First President to shake hands with guests.
- The wine bill for the eight years he served as president was \$11,000 (about \$218,000 today!).
- Introduced French fries and Mac and Cheese to America
- 1<sup>st</sup> US Secretary of State
- Slave owner
- Called for the end of slavery
- Fathered children with one of his slaves.
- Died broke – sold all his books which became the basis for the Library of Congress.