

Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



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December 2008

Membership: 81

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From the Prez — Laura Miller-DeSpain

Feliz Navidad!

'Tis the season to be jolly, so TRY to think happy thoughts as you rush through this joyous holiday season. Save time and money by shopping and doing business locally. We are fortunate to live and do business in a community that offers so much. Be sure to check out our website (www.mtcarrollil.org) for all the happenings and invite your friends and family to join us as we all celebrate our Mt. Carroll traditions.

And one of my favorite Chamber traditions is the White Elephant Christmas Exchange at our monthly meeting. I love junk – so bring it on! Until then (and beyond), Merry Christmas to you and yours from me and mine.

Laura Miller-DeSpain, dabluz boutique, 116 E. Market St., Mt. Carroll
815-244-4058 or 815-244-1630 or Email shop@dabluz.com

Board of Directors

Laura Miller-DeSpain—President
dabluz boutique

Mike Lenz—Vice-President
Kallemezoo's

Terrie Miller—Treasurer
H.B. Wilkinson Title Company

Christiene Gable—Secretary
Savanna-Thomson State Bank

Three year Board Members:
Jeff Davis: Davis Custom Decorators
Tom Cravatta: Area Small Engine

Two year Board Members:
Nancy Tobin: Retired
Ann Crouse: State Bank of Pearl City

One year Board Members:
Barb Lange: THE National Bank
Carol Remrey: Brick Street Dollar

Gwen Lowe—Events Coordinator
Flower Fan-A-See

John Swiech—Marketing Coordinator
CDC Executive Director

Sibyl Doty—Past President
THE National Bank



Green Lettering
on Green Mist

Christmas Ornaments

The 2008 Limited Edition Treasured Scenes Ornaments featuring the Mt. Carroll Lutheran Church are available. Please contact JoAnn Palmer at 244-2343 or stop by Flower Fan-A-See or dabluz boutique.

Some past ornaments are still available; including Methodist Church, Colehour Elevator, & Main Street School (see page 4).

General Membership Meeting December 4th—Oakville Country Club

6 PM—Social Time 6:30 PM—Dinner
7 PM—Business Meeting & Gift Exchange

Hot Cider & Appetizers

Entrée: Lasagna Dinner & Dessert

Cost: \$10 per person

Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 2nd at 5 PM.
Call 815-275-3280 or Email: admin@mtcarrollil.org

**If you have dietary restrictions,
please specify when making RSVP. Thank you.**

Mission Statement: The Mt. Carroll Chamber of Commerce is a community organization in partnership with business, tourism and government to further promote economic growth and quality of life in Mt. Carroll.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 10/26/08	\$12,726.67
	<u>REVENUE</u>
10/29/2008 October Happenings Cash	\$300.00
10/29/2008 Dues	\$300.00
10/29/2008 BSS Dunk Tank Proceeds	\$230.00
10/29/2008 Lamppost Signup	\$10.00
10/29/2008 Pumpkin Donation	\$100.00
10/29/2008 Pumpkin Contest Donation	\$20.00
10/29/2008 Antique Tractor Ride	\$93.00
10/29/2008 Magic Show Ticket Sales	\$106.00
10/29/2008 Magic Show Donation	\$50.00
10/29/2008 Cemetery Tour Ticket Sales	\$866.00
10/31/2008 Interest	\$2.89
11/5/2008 Dues	\$75.00
11/14/2008 Historic Calendars	\$21.30
11/14/2008 50/50	\$10.50
11/14/2008 Meeting Cash	\$100.00
11/14/2008 50/50 Winnings Donation	\$10.50
11/14/2008 Meeting Meals	\$230.00
11/14/2008 October Happenings Sponsor	\$115.25
11/14/2008 Dues	\$225.00
11/20/2008 Carroll County Hotel/Motel	\$300.00
11/20/2008 Transfer from Project Account	\$1,485.91
Sub-Total	\$4,651.35
	<u>EXPENSE</u>
11/1/2008 Barb King (Reimbursements)	\$395.25
11/1/2008 Mt. Carroll CDC	\$1,500.00
11/1/2008 Relay-4-Life	\$110.00
11/1/2008 Mt. Carroll Fire Department	\$80.00
11/1/2008 Carroll County K-9	\$40.00
11/5/2008 Meeting Cash	\$100.00
11/5/2008 Credit Card Account	\$100.00
11/16/2008 Shaw's (CB)	\$55.00
11/16/2008 Century Tel	\$36.82
11/16/2008 Carroll County Review	\$180.00
11/16/2008 Mirror Democrat	\$210.00
11/16/2008 Prairie Advocate	\$500.00
11/16/2008 Village Voices	\$40.00
11/16/2008 Clinton Herald	\$139.86
11/16/2008 WCCI	\$200.00
11/16/2008 IL Secretary of State	\$10.00
11/16/2008 Oakville Country Club	\$240.00
11/19/2008 Campbell Center	\$70.00
11/21/2008 Land of Oz (CB)	\$20.00
11/21/2008 Woodward Printing Services	\$1,485.91
Sub-Total	\$5,512.84
Balance as of 11/22/07	\$11,865.18
Balance in projects account	\$1,938.93
Credit Card Account	\$100.00
	\$13,904.11

Events Committee

\$1 Merchant Coupons will be given to every Tour of Home visitor. Each child visiting Santa will receive a "Santa Buck" to be used at local businesses. These coupons can be redeemed by presenting coupons to Chamber Treasurer. The Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the Horse-drawn wagon rides. A Saturday night Mini Tour of Homes for the merchants. This event is by invitation only. To date, nine ads (\$25 each) have been sold for the Tour of Homes booklet. THE National Bank is donating the paper and printing costs.

The next Events meeting will be scheduled for January. Events for 2009 will be discussed and committees formed.

Marketing Committee

The application for the \$7500 Farmers Market grant has been finished and will be mailed November 25th.

A contest to coincide with the new Discover Mt. Carroll brochure is under way. Entries can be picked up at local businesses. Identify the 13 pictures in the photo collage on the front of the new brochure. Entries must be received by December 3rd and winners announced December 6th. The 23 prizes (donated by local businesses) will be displayed in the Kraft building.

The next Marketing Meeting will be December 10th at 8 AM in the conference room at Savanna-Thomson State Bank (Mt. Carroll Facility).

Just a minute...

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance:

President Laura Miller-DeSpain

Blessing: Harlan Brunner

Introduction of Guests: Craig Mathers

Motion to Approve Minutes: Ann

Crouse, Sibyl Doty seconded

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report:

Sibyl Doty, Mike Lenz seconded

Committee Reports:

*Events: Ed & Lisa Leipus—

Homemade Jam (Open Mic Event)

Karen Davis—Tour of Homes &

Christmas Walk

Barb King—Halloween Happenings

Follow-up report

*Marketing: John Swiech—Discover

Mt. Carroll brochure and Photo

Collage Contest

Nancy Tobin—Chamber phone

receiving requests for housing

information with regard to new jobs at

Thomson prison

CDC: \$1,000 check presented to CDC

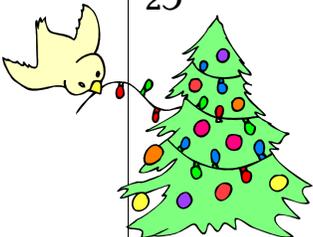
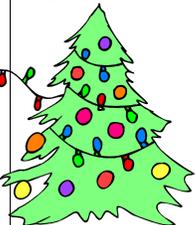
President Lou Schau

BWCVB: Diane Bausman

Program: Mike Lenz—Exercise on getting to know our neighbors

50/50: Craig Mathers—\$10.50 (donated back to Chamber)

December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products	3 6 PM—Friends of the Library meeting at Library	4 6 PM—Chamber General Membership Meeting: Oakville Country Club	5 	6 Tour of Homes 10 AM - 4 PM Christmas Walk Noon - 4 PM Desserts at Sawyer House 1 PM & 2 PM
7	8	9 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products 7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall	10 8 AM—Chamber Marketing Committee meeting at STSB (Mt. Carroll)	11	12	13
14	15	16 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products	17 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	18 9:30 AM—Carroll County Board meeting at Courthouse	19	20
21	22 6 PM—City Committees meeting at City Hall	23 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products 7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall	24 	25  Christmas	26	27
28	29	30 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products	31 	<u>West Carroll Christmas Concerts</u> *December 2nd—Middle School (7 PM) *December 4th—High School (7 PM) *December 8th—Kindergarten & 3rd (7 PM) *December 9th—1st & 2nd (7 PM) *December 16th—Intermediate School (7 PM)		

**Be a member of the Mt Carroll Chamber of Commerce (renew your membership).
Dues are \$75 for businesses and \$37.50 for individuals.
It is NOT necessary to own a business to be a Chamber member.
Mail to: Mt. Carroll Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 94, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053**

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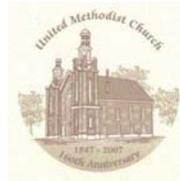
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Brown
Lettering on
Golden Mist



Red
Lettering
on White



White
Lettering
on Purple

MT. CARROLL CHRISTMAS WALK DIRECTORY TO SAVINGS

- * **Brick Street Dollar**—Cookies & Hot Cider. Register to win Gift Basket
- * **BSD Printing**—Register to win T-shirt
- * **Caroline's Hair & Nail Salon**—Register to win Gift Certificate
- * **Carroll Street Café**—Lunch Special: pulled pork BBQ sandwich, French fries, & drink for \$5.00
- * **Charlies II**—Everything Pizza: Small-\$5.50 & Large-\$10.50
- * **Charlotte Arvelle Glass**—20% off Snowflakes
- * **dabluz boutique**—In-Store Sales All Day Catholic Church Bake Sale: 9 AM until 2 PM
- * **Dairy Queen**—Bowl of Chili for \$1.00
- * **Flower Fan-A-See**—15% off Christmas Gifts
- * **Gazmen's General Store**—10% off All Items
- * **Good Samaritan Women's Auxiliary**—Bake Sale at Community House. Register for Door Prize.
- * **Heritage Market**—Refreshments Available and 10% off Total Purchase
- * **Ideas 'N Designs**—10% off Fabrics & Antiques
- * **Kallemezoo's**—Free Popcorn & Cider Drink Specials
- * **Kraft Building**—Pictures with Santa 10 AM until 3 PM
- * **Kunes' Country Auto**—Register to win Free Oil Change, Tire Rotation, & Car Wash.
Available at Front Building
- * **Land of Oz**—Soup in Bread Bowl: \$3.00 (Free Christmas Cookie)
- * **La Petit Fleur Café**—Apple Cider Available
- * **Misty Hollow Designs**—Refreshments Available. Register for Door Prize. In-Store Christmas Sale
- * **Mt. Carroll Banking Center**—Hot Cider & 2009 Calendars available
- * **Mt. Carroll Home Center**—Large amount of Power tools with Great Deals & Prices
- * **Mt. Carroll Senior Center**—10% off Purchase
- * **Mt. Carroll Café**—Famous Chicken Finger Dinner Special: \$7.45
- * **Savanna-Thomson State Bank**—Free Caramel Popcorn & Children's Drawings at Kraft Building
- * **Schneider House Furniture**—20% to 50% off entire store.
Cash-N-Carry: 6% off for cash, 6% off for carry = Total 62% OFF
- * **Shaw's Food Pride**—Hot Cider & Christmas Cookies available
- * **Sievert's Steaks 'N Stuff**—BBQ & Chips \$3.00
- * **The Buzz**—Refreshments Available. Register to win Gift Basket. Open 9 AM until 1 PM
- * **The Clay Pot/Plum Patch**—Come see the new look! Register for Door Prize. Refreshments.
- * **THE National Bank (Downtown)**—Cookies & Punch
 - * **The Pharmacy Center**—Christmas Sale & Refreshments