

Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

May 2009

Membership: 83

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From the Prez — Laura Miller-DeSpain

Happy, happy May!!! Finally! Spring has sprung (if I said that last month, I jumped the gun!). The Farmer's Market begins this month, 2nd Annual Fiesta Night, Mother's Day, my birthday, graduations, reunions, Memorial Day and May Fest! IF you can only pick one, my birthday's the 14th. Shameless but then this is my spot. And everything else that needs to be said can be found further in this newsletter or on our website at www.mtcarrollil.org. In fact, if you haven't visited the website recently, please do. For some folks, the website is their first look at Mt. Carroll. It's a big job keeping it up-to-date. Is your business listed the way you want it listed? Would you like to put an ad on the website? Do you have suggestions??? See you at Fiesta Night!!!
Need to talk to me? Here's how: Laura Miller-DeSpain
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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
Karen Davis—Events Coordinator
John Swiech—Marketing Coordinator
CDC Executive Director
Sibyl Doty—Past President
THE National Bank

Attention Businesses:

Mayor Carl Bates will be hosting the
Northwestern Illinois Mayors monthly meeting!
May 21st at the Garden Eatery

Businesses may sponsor a table centerpiece or
goodie bags for about 30 people.

For more information, contact Laura Miller-DeSpain at
(815) 244-4058 or E-mail: shop@dabluz.com
Or Carl Bates at City Hall (815) 244-4424

Business After Hours—May 7th

FIESTA NIGHT

Come visit with your Chamber friends at
Brick Street Variety & dabluz boutique
(downtown Market Street).

Enjoy Walking Tacos and lemonade courtesy of the
Remrey's and the DeSpain's. 6:30 to ????
We're just hanging out -- bring a chair

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 3/23/09	\$9,524.30	
			REVENUE
3/30/2009	Interest		\$0.89
4/1/2009	FM Vendor Fee		\$20.00
4/9/2009	Meeting Cash		\$75.00
4/9/2009	Meeting Meals		\$270.00
4/9/2009	50/50		\$11.50
	Subtotal		\$377.39
			EXPENSE
	Debit for deposit slips		\$41.54
3/25/2009	Timber Lake Resort		\$60.00
4/1/2009	IL Liquor Control		\$25.00
4/1/2009	Meeting Cash		\$75.00
4/2/2009	Pharmacy Center		\$10.00
4/2/2009	Oakville Country Club		\$280.00
4/10/2009	CenturyTel		\$34.86
4/10/2009	Mirror Democrat		\$26.00
4/10/2009	Village Voices		\$40.00
4/10/2009	Brick Street Dollar		\$43.78
	Subtotal		\$636.18
	Balance as of 4/28/09	\$9,265.51	
	Credit Card Account	\$76.54	
	Balance of Project Account	\$1,940.30	
		\$11,282.35	

Just a minute...

April 2, 2009

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance: Vice-Pres. Mike Lenz

Blessing: Bob Hatheway

Introduction of Guests: Gene Teeter, Mike & Bev Risko, Sharon Welton, and Christina Rios

Motion to Approve Minutes: Terrie Miller, Barb Lange seconded

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Tom Cravatta, Diane Bausman seconded

VP Report: Mike Lenz reported the May General Meeting will be a Business After Hours sponsored by Brick Street Variety and dabluz boutique

Committee Reports:

*Marketing: John Swiech—2009 Calendar of Events is almost complete. Graphics work donated by Lou Schau.

Advertising will be placed with Lake Carroll, Timber Lake Resort, and Timber Lake Playhouse in addition to newspaper ads and brochures. Calendar of Events and Brochures will be taken to the BWCVB Brochure Exchange Day. To date, BWCVB has sent out 1500 Discover Mt. Carroll brochures in 2009.

*Events: Karen Davis—Reported the Events Survey provided valuable feedback. Prepared the "Thank You" candy bars for those attending, and explained the Volunteer sign-up sheets.

Christina Rios (Riverview Center): Provided statistics on reported abuse cases in Carroll County

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Program: Mike Risko & Sharon Welton from the Campbell Center

50/50 Drawing: Diane Bausman (\$11.50)

The Plum Patch Handmade Soaps will be on Paula Sands Live on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Tune in to KWQC-TV 6 to watch Plum Patch owner (Melissa Coverdill) show Paula how to make homemade soap.

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org Educational Seminars/Webinars are also listed under the Community Calendar Heading</p>					1	2 Farmer's Market Open
3	4 6 PM—Highway 64/78 Festival Planning meeting at Land of Oz	5 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products	6 6 PM—Friends of the Library meeting at Library	7 6 PM—Chamber General Membership Meeting: Business After Hours: Brick Street Variety and dabluz boutique	8	9 Farmer's Market
10 Mother's Day	11	12 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products 7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall	13 8 AM—Chamber Marketing Committee meeting at STSB (Mt. Carroll) 6 PM—Relay For Life Planning meeting 7 PM—Team Capt meeting Both at Sr. Center in Milledgeville	14	15	16 Farmer's Market
17	18	19 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products 6 PM—City Committees meeting at City Hall	20	21 9:30 AM—Carroll County Board meeting at Courthouse	22 MAYFEST	23 Farmer's Market MAYFEST
24 MAYFEST	25	26 7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall	27 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	28 5:30 PM—Carroll County Health Dept Board meeting at Health Dept building	29	30 Farmer's Market

**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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"We take the time to care."

Past Chamber Ornaments Still Available



Brown
Lettering on
Golden Mist



Red
Lettering on
White



White
Lettering on
Purple

Christmas Ornaments



Green Lettering
on Green Mist

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. The 2009 Ornament will feature the Pharmacy Center building.

Events Committee

The Events Committee is busy working to coordinate the events for 2009. If you would like to help with an event, contact Karen Davis for more information.

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee will meet again May 13, 2009 at the Mt. Carroll facility of Savanna-Thomson State Bank at 8 AM.

WANTED:

ONE BREATHING PERSON (or 2) WHO LIKES TO HAVE FUN!

Must know how to speak and read English. People skills preferred but not necessary. A commitment to seeing Halloween Happenings continue is strongly recommended. Little else is needed as many of the event's activities have committees in place.

If you have seen anyone who matches the above description, please contact Karen Davis immediately at 815-244-5080, or kadavis40@hotmail.com.

Your help in tracking down this unsung hero is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.