

Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



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Chamber Pot

February 2010

Membership: 72

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From the Prez — Laura Miller-DeSpain

The buzz word around town is that the Thomas Prison will open and our community needs to be ready. Area meetings are being planned for business owners and community leaders to help us prepare. We'll have more info available at our Chamber meeting this month. On our website, you can find the link to the Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, where you'll find the schedule for upcoming workshops. Keep watching the website for our 2010 Calendar of Events – the printed brochure will be ready soon. And now you can find us on FACEBOOK under Mount Carroll – become a fan! See ya soon.

IF you have any questions at all, just let me know -- and here's how:

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Christiene Gable—Secretary
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Three year Board Members:
Barb Lange: THE National Bank
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Two year Board Members:
Jeff Davis: Davis Custom Decorators
Tom Cravatta: Area Small Engine

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Ann Crouse: State Bank of Pearl City
Nancy Tobin: Retired

Karen Davis—Events Coordinator

Laura Miller-DeSpain—Interim
Marketing Coordinator
dabluz boutique

Sibyl Doty—Past President
THE National Bank

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Become a fan of
Mt. Carroll, Illinois

Chamber Meeting

February 4th, 2010

Mt. Carroll Café

Come see what Chamber is all about.

Social Time—6 PM

Dinner—6:30 PM

Meeting—7 PM

Chicken George Dinner

Cost: \$10 per person.

Please RSVP by February 2nd at 5 PM.

Call 800-244-9594 (Option 1)

or Email: admin@mtcarrollil.org

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 12/29/09	\$4,385.30	
		<u>REVENUE</u>
12/31/2009 Interest		\$0.43
1/25/2010 Xmas Walk		\$30.00
	Subtotal	\$30.43
		<u>EXPENSE</u>
1/1/2010 Check Error		\$5.00
1/10/2010 CenturyLink		\$34.53
1/10/2010 Pharmacy Center		\$12.00
1/10/2010 Mirror Democrat		\$84.50
1/10/2010 Clinton Herald		\$41.67
1/10/2010 The Journal Standard		\$72.00
1/25/2010 Christiene Gable		\$250.00
1/25/2010 Terrie Miller		\$250.00
	Subtotal	\$749.70
Balance as to 1/26/10	\$3,666.03	
Balance in projects account	\$1,941.74	
Credit Card Account	\$116.82	
		<u>\$5,724.59</u>

Just a minute ... December 2009

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance: President Laura Miller-DeSpain
 Blessing: DeLos Stadel
 Motion to Approve Minutes: Mike Lenz, John Hutchison seconded
 Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Jean Hutchison, John Hutchison seconded
 Vice-President's Report: Mike Lenz
 Committee Reports:
 *Events:
 Tour of Homes/Christmas Walk
 Ribbon Cutting: Glass Shoppe
 Badger Sketch Books for sale
 Cat's Meow (Galena St Bridge)
 *Marketing: Village Voices ads will be billed for soon
 Old Business: None
 New Business: Carl Bates urged the Chamber to support the opening of a federal prison at Thomson --John Hutchison moves that Chamber endorse the standard resolution of support, Larry DeSpain seconded
 Christmas Gift Exchange

Happy New Year! Happy New Opportunities!

Don't miss this year's lineup of Chamber events as listed in this month's issue of the Chamber Pot. Happy Team Leaders are already in place and working on most of these events. Many of us happily attend these activities and know they won't happen without adequate volunteer help. Both Chamber members and non-members have an on-going open invitation to offer help in any number of ways. There are tasks to suit most everyone. So, when you receive a call asking if you would please help out for a couple of hours, don't hang up. Instead, ask, "What job do you have for me? What I really like to do is _____ (fill in the blank)". No one wants to do a job they don't like or are not inclined to do so please give us a chance to make your contribution of time a happy experience.

Thank you in advance for thinking about where and how you will be able to take advantage of some happy opportunities in 2010. We'll be calling you.

Karen Davis, Events Coordinator

Mount Carroll Chamber Events 2010

Farmer's Market
Saturdays: May - October (8 AM to Noon)

- Rummage Through Mt. Carroll April 24th
- Friends of the Library Quilt Show . April 30th - May 1st
- Mayfest May 28th - May 30th
- Cruise Nights June 19th
- Garden Walk July 10th
- Cruise Nights July 17th
- Highway Festival July 24th
- Cruise Nights August 21st
- Brick Street Saturday September 4th
- Cruise Nights September 18th
- Oktoberfest & Cemetery Tours.... October 29th & 30th
- Halloween Parade..... October 31st
- Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes December 4th

February 2010

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 Member Meeting at Mt Carroll Café	5	6
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—Marketing Committee meeting at Savanna-Thomson State Bank in Mt. Carroll	11	12	13
14  Valentine's Day	15 President's Day	16	17 7 PM—HPAC Historic Preservation Advisory Committee meeting at City Hall	18 9:30 AM—Carroll County Board meeting at Courthouse 6 PM—Relay For Life Committee Meeting at West Carroll Middle School	19	20 Ladies Pamper Day at Mt. Carroll Church of God
21	22 6 PM—City Committees meeting at City Hall	23 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting 7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall	24 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	25 5:30 PM—Carroll County Health Dept Board meeting at Health Dept building	26	27
28	<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org Educational Seminars/Webinars are also listed under the Community Calendar Heading</p>					

**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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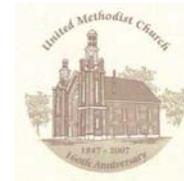
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"We take the time to care."

Past Chamber Ornaments Still Available



Green
Lettering
on Green Mist



Brown
Lettering on
Golden Mist



Red
Lettering
on White



Gold
Lettering on
Tan

Christmas Ornaments

The 2009 Limited Edition Treasured Scenes Ornaments featuring the Pharmacy Center Building 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 Lutheran Church, Methodist Church, Colehour Elevator, & Main Street School.



Community / Business Preparedness Workshops February 25 & March 3

Blackhawk Hills RC&D, in full coordination with the Tri-County Economic Development Alliance (TCEDA), wanted to inform our partners of our intentions to move forward with efforts to coordinate the region's planning needs in light of the possible opening of the Thomson Prison.

I would direct everyone to take a look at TCEDA's website, where updates on planning efforts and schedules for upcoming workshops are posted.

www.tcedaonline.com/investinnorthwest.html

Furthermore, you can access more in-depth information concerning the Preparedness Workshops that have been set for February 25th (for communities) and March 3rd (for business leaders) by clicking on "Preparing for the Future" on the left menu/toolbar. Here, you will find a breakdown of the information that will need to be inventoried for each community and how we plan to follow through.

CAT'S MEOW COLLECTIBLES

Sponsored by
Mt. Carroll Chamber of Commerce

2009—Galena Street Bridge

Available for purchase at:

dabluz boutique

(Soon to be available at other local merchants)

Cost: \$20 each

All profits benefit the Mt. Carroll
Chamber of Commerce

Other Cat's Meow Collectibles:

Mt. Carroll Township Public Library
(All profits benefit the Library)

Kraft Building (coming in 2010)