

Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



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Chamber Pot

March 2009

Membership: 83

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From the Prez — Laura Miller-DeSpain

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country men (sorry, but the politically correct version just doesn't have the same zing). At our General Membership Meeting, we will be devoting our "entertainment" portion to a Meet the Candidates Forum. And in Illinois, we certainly have our share of entertaining politicians! So get your questions ready, put on your thinking caps, and join us.

You can find all the where's and when's further in the newsletter.

You know where you can find me, but if you don't – here it is:
Laura Miller-DeSpain, dabluz boutique, 116 E. Market St., 815-244-4058 or 815-244-1630

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

Meet The Candidates Spring 2009

Mayor: Carl Bates & Robert Sisler

City Clerk: Julie Cuckler

City Council Alderman

Ward 1: Doug Bergren

Ward 2: Doris Bork

Ward 3: Bill Sparboe

General Membership Meeting March 5th—Oakville Country Club

6 PM—Social Time 6:30 PM—Dinner

7 PM—Meet the Candidates

Entrée: Ham Loaf & Au Gratin Potatoes

Cost: \$10 per person

Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 3rd 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 to 01/25/09		\$ 9,412.37	
			REVENUE
01/08/09	Ornament Sales: Jan Missed Deposit	\$ 769.00	
01/30/09	Interest	\$ 0.86	
02/10/09	Meeting Meals	\$ 310.00	
02/10/09	TOH Brochure Ad	\$ 50.00	
02/10/09	Meeting Cash	\$ 75.00	
02/10/09	Dues	\$ 37.50	
02/10/09	50/50	\$ 25.00	
	Sub-Total	\$ 1,267.36	
			EXPENSE
02/04/09	Meeting Cash	\$ 75.00	
02/10/09	Oakville Country Club	\$ 300.00	
02/10/09	Brick Street Dollar (CB & Santa)	\$ 6.00	
02/10/09	Pharmacy Center	\$ 5.00	
02/10/09	Land of Oz (CB)	\$ 15.00	
02/10/09	Susan O'Connor (Reimbursement)	\$ 23.55	
02/10/09	CenturyTel	\$ 33.91	
02/23/09	Postmaster	\$ 42.00	
	Sub-Total	\$ 500.46	
Balance as of 2/24/09		\$ 10,179.27	
Credit Card Account		\$ 81.54	
Projects Account		\$ 1,939.98	
		\$ 12,200.79	

Just a minute ...

February 5, 2009

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance: President Laura Miller-DeSpain

Blessing: Jeff Davis

Introduction of Guests: John & Catherine Pokropinski (new members) and Jane Shaw (Girl Scouts)

Motion to Approve Minutes: Barb King, Barb Lange seconded

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Jeff Davis, Mike Lenz seconded

Committee Reports:

*Events: Karen Davis—Events Coordinator

Rummage Through Mt Carroll—April 25th, Mayfest Wine Tent—May 22-24 (Nancy Tobin),
Highway 64/78 Festival—July 25th (Gwen Lowe)

*Fundraising: Cat's Meow Village—Chamber pays \$9.49 each and sells them for \$20 each. First two "buildings" are the Kraft building and the Galena Street Bridge

*Marketing: John Swiech—Applied for Farmers Market Grant. Promoting Calendar of Events and other information to Lake Carroll. Mt. Carroll brochure Photo Collage Contest—27 prizes & winners

PFP: John Swiech

Listed items Chamber is responsible for implementing (i.e. new website)

Jane Shaw: Girl Scouts are interested in doing a community project (4 welcome signs for Mt. Carroll)

Diane Bausman: BWCVB Visitor Guides completed, New BWCVB website up and Google AdWords campaign shows website hits are up 130%, June 6th—Cabela's King Catfish Fishing Tournament, June 20th—Military Vehicle Road Trip with stop in Rochelle

CDC: no report

New Business: US Census seeking help to complete the 2010 US Census

Program: Events Workshop

50/50: Ann Crouse—\$25.00 Kirstin Adami

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 6 PM—Highway 64/78 Festival Planning meeting at Land of Oz	3 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products	4 6 PM—Friends of the Library meeting at Library	5 6 PM—Chamber General Membership Meeting: Oakville Country Club	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9	10 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products 7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall	11 8 AM—Chamber Marketing Committee meeting at STSB (Mt. Carroll)	12	13	14 4 PM—Benefit for Bob Zickau at Farm Bureau Hall
15	16	17 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products  St. Patrick's Day	18	19 9:30 AM—Carroll County Board meeting at Courthouse	20	21
22	23 6 PM—City Committees meeting at City Hall 6 PM—Relay For Life Planning meeting 7 PM—Team Capt meeting Both at Heritage Center in Lanark	24 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products 7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall	25 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	26 5:30 PM—Carroll County Health Dept Board meeting at Health Dept building	27	28
29	30	31	Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org			

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

See list of 2009 Events dates and chairpersons listed to the right. Team Leaders are still needed.

Marketing Committee

Items being reviewed. Home Based Business Seminar—February 26th. The committee has submitted an application for a grant to benefit the Farmer's Market. Need to target Lake Carroll with more advertising. Look into prices for a billboard.

The Marketing Committee will meet again March 11, 2009 at the Mt. Carroll facility of Savanna-Thomson State Bank at 8 AM.

Mt. Carroll Chamber Events 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TEAM LEADER</u>
April 25	Spring Fling	Mike Lenz
April 25	Rummage Through Mt. Carroll	Laura Miller-DeSpain
May 22-24	Mayfest Wine Tent	Nancy Tobin & Mike Lenz
July 11	Garden Walk	Diane Bausman
July 25	Highway 64/78 Festival	Gwen Lowe
September 12	Brick Street Saturday	Lou Schau & Randy Remrey
	Brick Street Car/Tractor Show	Tom Charles, Tom Cravatta, & Pat Bausman
October 24	Halloween Happenings	**TEAM LEADER NEEDED**
October 31	Halloween Parade	**TEAM LEADER NEEDED**
November	Wreath Fluffing	John & Jean Hutchison
December 5	Christmas Walk	Laura Miller-DeSpain
	Tour of Homes	Karen Davis
	Sawyer House Dessert Event	**COORDINATOR NEEDED**



American Cancer Society

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March 18 - 21, 2009

For more details, contact
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