

Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

March 2010

Membership: 73

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From the Prez — Laura Miller-DeSpain

Spring is in the air. We can't see it or touch it, but the mood is there. "Think Snow" signs are being replaced with "Think Spring" (and it's about time). It has been a long and nasty winter - in my most humble opinion. And although I know it's not over, I look to the signs: Spring Craft Shop Hop, Rummage Through Mt. Carroll, followed by Mayfest. And on and on and on.

And speaking of Spring, on March 21st, Midwest Living Magazine's Best of the Midwest Annual Edition hits the newsstands, and they are featuring Mt. Carroll, including Learn Great Foods and Ideas & Designs. This kind of press benefits all of us. I imagine keyboards will be burning up as tourists Google Mt. Carroll and make their plans to attend one of our fabulous events.

And speaking of events, the 2010 Calendar of Events is updated and going to print as we speak. It's already on the City/Chamber website.

So get ready for company. And speaking of getting ready, I will be attending both Community Preparedness Workshops and will share what I learn at our General Membership Meeting on March 4th. So join us -- please. And in the meantime, you can find me at:

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THE National Bank

Chamber Meeting

March 4th, 2010

Mt. Carroll Café

Come see what Chamber is all about.

Social Time—6 PM

Dinner—6:30 PM

Meeting—7 PM

BBQ Ribs Dinner

Cost: \$10 per person.

Please RSVP by March 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

Just a minute ...
February 2009

Balance as to 01/26/10	\$3,666.03	
		REVENUE
1/28/2010 Ornament Sales		\$50.00
1/28/2010 Santa Pictures		\$21.00
1/30/2010 Interest		\$0.35
2/1/2010 Cats Meow Sales		\$60.00
2/9/2010 MtC CDC (Badger Book Sales)		\$780.99
2/9/2010 Meeting Cash		\$75.00
2/9/2010 Meeting Meals		\$200.00
2/9/2010 50/50		\$11.00
2/9/2010 Ornament Sales		\$10.00
2/9/2010 Cats Meow Refund		\$4.03
2/9/2010 Dues		\$37.50
	Sub-Total	\$1,249.87
		EXPENSE
2/4/2010 Meeting Cash		\$75.00
2/4/2010 Mt. Carroll Café		\$200.00
2/22/2010 Land of Oz		\$30.00
2/22/2010 TDG Communications		\$395.00
2/22/2010 CenturyLink		\$34.03
2/22/2010 Postmaster		\$44.00
2/22/2010 Pharmacy Center		\$5.00
2/22/2010 Village Voices		\$40.00
	Sub-Total	\$823.03
Balance as of 2/23/10	\$4,092.87	
Credit Card Account	\$111.82	
Projects Account	\$1,941.89	
		\$6,146.58

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance: President Laura Miller-DeSpain
 Blessing: John Swiech
 Motion to Approve Minutes: Thelma Swiech, Barb Lange seconded
 Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Mike Lenz, Jean Hutchison seconded
 Vice-President's Report: Mike Lenz
 Committee Reports:
 *Events:
 Calendar of Events List
 Quilt Show
 Rummage Thru Mt Carroll
 Community Table at Mayfest
 *Fundraising: Cat's Meow, Sketch Books, and Ornaments
 *Marketing: Facebook page, Billboard, way-finding signs
 *CDC: Kraft Building
 *PFP: "Brick Streets" Brand
 *BWCVB: Visitor Guides & Tri-State Tourism Conference
 Old Business: None
 New Business: TCEDA Preparedness Workshops on February 25th & March 3rd
 50/50: John Swiech (\$11.00)

VOLUNTEERS HAVE THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES!

How many hours have you volunteered in 2009. We'd like to know! Give it some thought and bring the number of hours you worked at any Chamber event or activity this past year to the March meeting.

If you are a merchant who is not always available to give of your time, then please turn in the time you worked behind the scenes (like fluffing Christmas wreaths).

These figures will be gathered at our March General membership meeting and the tabulation announced at the April meeting.

For your convenience a coupon is printed in this Chamber Pot. Just fill it out and bring it with you to our meeting or if you are unable to attend, return it to Christiene or send me your numbers in an email to kadavis40@hotmail.com.

Thanks for all you do!

Mt. Carroll Chamber Events 2010

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

Craft Shop Hop	April 9th & 10th
Rummage Through Mt. Carroll	April 24th
Friends of the Library Quilt Show..	April 30th - May 1st
Mayfest	May 28th - May 30th
Artisans Studio Tour	June 12th
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

March 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	15	16  St. Patrick's Day  American Cancer Society Daffodil Days® Give Daffodils. Give Hope.™ 	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 the Heritage Center in Lanark	19	20
21 7 am - 1 pm—Mt. Carroll Fireman's Breakfast	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	29	30	31	<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>Become a fan of Mt. Carroll, Illinois</p> </div>		

**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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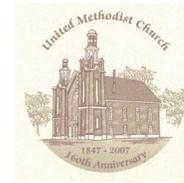
"We take the time to care."

Past Chamber Ornaments

Still Available



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.

VOLUNTEER COUPON

Please complete the information in applicable blanks and bring it to the March 2010 General Membership Meeting to receive your surprise gift.

How many hours did you volunteer your time in 2009 at Chamber events? (your honest estimate is appreciated)

EVENT	HOURS SERVED
Rummage Through Mt. Carroll	_____
Mayfest Wine Garden	_____
Root Beer Floats	_____
Garden Walk	_____
Rt. 64/78 Highway Festival	_____
Brick Street Day	_____
Oktoberfest, Cemetery Tour & Halloween Parade	_____
Christmas Walk and Christmas Tour of Homes	_____
Other activity	_____
TOTAL HOURS SERVED IN 2009	_____

Name: _____

Thank you! The above information will be used for internal research purposes only.



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)