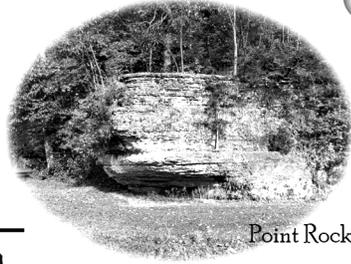


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

December 2014

Membership: 74

Dear Chamber,

Merry Christmas Chamber! We are quickly approaching Christmas and a New Year. Your Chamber has done much this year and we look forward to a great New Year as well. We have our annual Chamber Christmas party scheduled to be at AJ's Coffee House this year so be sure to watch for the invites that will be coming out on email. We have been putting together activities for our annual Christmas walk too so be sure to read the local papers for all the details.

I would like to say a special THANK YOU to my fellow board members. It has been a pleasure working with you this past year and I look forward to working with you in the coming NEW YEAR.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bob Hatheway
Shaw's Market 1614
Mt. Carroll, Illinois
<http://www.shawsmarketplace.com/>
815-541-8627

"The kind of store you want us to be"

Board of Directors

Bob Hatheway-President: Shaw's Market
Larry DeSpain-Vice-President: Hotel Glenview
Sibyl Doty-Treasurer: 

Catherine Pokropinski-Secretary

Three year Board Members:

Amy Sack:



Two year Board Members:

One year Board Members:

Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount
Carroll

John Pokropinski

Diane Bausman: Blackhawk Waterways CVB

Carol Frey: Land of Oz/Subway

Marketing & Events Coordinator: Laura Miller-
DeSpain-dabluz boutique

Laura Miller-DeSpain-Past President
dabluz boutique

Nancy Tobin-Telephones

John Pokropinski-Website Administrator

Andrew Williamson-Ribbon Cutting Liaison

Chamber General Membership Meeting And Annual Christmas Party

December 4, 2014

Market Street Commons

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Menu: Meatloaf Dinner \$12.00

Please RSVP by

Monday, December 1, 2014

at 5:00PM

There will be a \$10 White Elephant gift exchange and an ugly
Christmas sweater contest.

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the City
of Mount Carroll crews for preparing and hanging the Christmas
Wreaths this holiday season!

ATTENTION all businesses participating in the chamber bucks program.
Please make certain that your business name is written somewhere on the
chamber buck turned in to Sibyl Doty so she can make the proper reimburse-
ment.

Mission Statement: The Mount 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 Mount Carroll.

November Treasurer's Report as of 11/14/2014

Balance as of October 31, 2014 **\$11,481.48**

REVENUE

Sub-Total

\$ -

11/4/14 Secretary of State-annual report
 11/4/14 Sievert's-chamber bucks
 11/14/14 Sievert's-chamber bucks
 11/14/14 Mt. Carroll Bowling Center

EXPENSE

\$ 10.00
 \$ 45.00
 \$ 35.00
 \$ 75.00

Sub-Total

\$ 165.00

Balance as of November 14, 2014 **\$11,316.48**

Mayfest Checking Account **\$ 7,419.00**
Mayfest Savings Account **\$ 779.19**

Meeting & Business After Hour Schedule for 2014

December: Christmas Party - 6pm at Market Street Commons
 January (2015) Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm tba
 February Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm tba
 March Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm Carroll County Senior Services

Marketing

As I write this, it's a blustery day outside. And so winter begins. For some of our businesses, we are heading into a very slow time. Some won't even be open in the winter months. Some may close completely due to lack of business. But many of our businesses trudge through and carry on. Although all of us benefit from tourists visiting our beautiful little town for our events and unique shopping, we all need our local folks to shop locally all year long. Shop Small Saturday on November 29th is a great reminder nationally of the importance of keeping your monies locally. Businesses that thrive are able to dine locally, hire locally, doctor locally, etc. etc. etc. We are fortunate to have such a great variety of businesses in Mount Carroll. Let's keep it that way!!!!

Our Marketing efforts will continue through the first quarter of the new year. We need to remind our residents and our outlying communities that we're here and we're open for business!

YOU can help! First of all, if your hours change during the winter, be sure to send that info to John at admin@mtcarrollil.org. IF you have a Facebook page, invite me "Laura Miller" to like it so I can share share share on our Mount Carroll Chamber Facebook page. If you're on Facebook, please invite your friends to "like" our Mount Carroll Chamber Facebook page, too. Facebook is FREE and "liking" and "sharing" is how we spread the news. IF your business does not have a Facebook page but would like one, chat at me.

The New Year is also a great time to look at our 2015 events. Would you like to help at our events? Do you have suggestions? Would another organization you belong to like to be included? Our Chamber events are a great time for our community to come together and share their talents. We really do have so much to offer.

So carry on. Don't lose faith. It really does take a village.

In the meantime: Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours from me and mine.

Laura Miller DeSpain
815-244-4058 or shop@dabluz.com

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—November 2014

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting November 19, 2014 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Bob Hatheway, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, John Pokropinski, Carol Frey, Amy Sack, and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Bob Hatheway

November Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Diane Bausman/ 2nd-John Pokropinski/ Approved

October Secretary's Report: Moved to approve – Carol Frey/ 2nd-Larry DeSpain/ Approved

2014 Events:

Shop Small Saturday: Nineteen people have signed up for the coordinated Shop Small Saturday event. Each participant will receive a Shop Small Saturday Welcome Mat, 15 bags and a brown bag for customers who make a purchase to submit their name for a drawing to win \$100 Chamber bucks. Drawing will take place at our December General Membership meeting.

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes: Tour of Homes has been cancelled for this year. We will still have the Christmas Walk as planned. Father Christmas story time at the Library, picture with Santa at the Senior Center, Nativity tour at the Methodist Church, Good Samaritan bake sale, Catholic Women's Society bake sale at dabluz, coloring contest at Shaw's and outdoor Christmas decorating contest (community wide). A lighted wreath will be hung on the gazebo on the Courthouse lawn. Carol Frey has volunteered to chair the Tour of Homes for 2015.

Marketing Update: Money for advertising Shop Small Saturday will come from participant entry fees. The Christmas Walk ads will be in the Journal Standard, the Mirror Democrat, the Prairie Advocate and Radio ads.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? The City of Mount Carroll crews for wreath preparation and hanging.

Old Business:

The Thomas Booth painting is ready for display at the Market Street Commons. Diane Bausman and Larry DeSpain have agreed to sell tickets during the Christmas Walk.

New Business:

The Christmas party will include a \$10 White Elephant gift and an ugly Christmas sweater contest

V.P. Report: The December general membership meeting will be Thursday, December 4th at Market Street Commons.

Meeting Adjourned

December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library	3	4 Chamber general membership meet- ing and Christmas Party 6p Market Street Commons	5	6 Annual Christmas Walk
7	8	9 7:30PM City Council meeting	10	11 Open Mike night at Imaginarium 6p-9p	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 7:30PM City Council meeting	24 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31	<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Become a fan of Mt. Carroll, Illinois</p> </div> </div>		

**Be a member of the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce (renew your membership).
 Dues are \$75 for businesses and \$25.00 for individuals.
 It is NOT necessary to own a business to be a Chamber member.
 Mail to: Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce, 320 N. Main St., Ste 101, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053**

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce

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Mt. Carroll, IL 61053

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"We take the time to care."

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events

2014

Christmas Walk.....December 6

2015

Rummage Through Mount Carroll.....April 24 & 25

Farmer's Market.....May 2 through October 24

Mayfest.....May 22-24

Car Cruise.....June 20

Car Cruise.....July 18

Car Cruise.....August 15

Brick Street Saturday.....September 5

Car Cruise.....September 19

Pumpkin Fest.....October 24

Christmas Walk.....December 5

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2014-2015

Jo-Carroll Energy	Nancy Tobin	Doty's Collision Center
Sand Prairie Wireless	Charles Electronics, LLC	Imaginarium Now & Zen Gallery
YMCA Camp Benson	Law-Jones Funeral Home	Carrie Prowant – Thirty – One
John Pokropinski	West Point Tree Farm	Ashford University
Catherine Pokropinski	John & Thelma Swiech	Carroll County Mirror Democrat
Diane Bausman	Mount Carroll Mobil	Carpenter's Corner
Bausman Mowing	Wylma Colehour	Crouse Plumbing & Heating
Jerry & Sandy Cornelius	Ron Foltz	Elizabeth McMillan
Pleasant Valley Construction	Marsha Foltz	Mount Carroll Bowling Center
Hotel Glenview	John Hutchison	Sisler Construction
dabluz boutique	Jean Hutchison	Dairy Queen
Land of Oz/Subway	Tom & Pam Sorg	WCCI
James Morel	Prairie Path Guest House	Pete and Laura Smith
Sherry Morel	Schneider House Furniture	City of Mount Carroll
Mount Carroll Home Center	Kunes Country Auto Group	Moring Disposal
Mary Ann Hutchison	Red Gate Embroidery	Mount Carroll Banking Center
Carroll County Senior Services	Davis Custom Decorators	Oakville Country Club
Shaw's Marketplace	John Bickelhaupt Insurance Agency	Mike & Deanna Doty
Carol Ingram	Highland Community College	Heritage Market
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency Inc.	Timberlake Playhouse	Molly's Kitchen and Bar
Ideas 'n Designs	FHN-Freeport Health Network	
Triumph Community Bank	Mount Carroll Insurance Agency	
Consolidated Grain & Barge	Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll	
Henry's Double K	Dr. David Purlee	
Herrell Electric	Sievert's Steaks-N-Stuff	
Mount Carroll Township Public Library	Country Palmer House B&B	
Campbell Center for Historic Preservation	Mount Carroll Cafe	