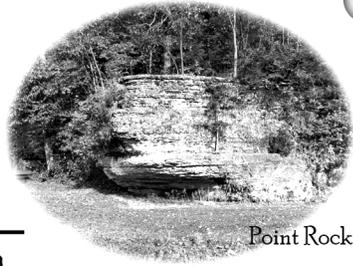


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

December 2015

Membership: 71

Hi everyone

First, welcome Lydia Hutchcraft and Lisa Lewis who have stepped forward to become new members of the Chamber of Commerce Board. We look forward to their energy and idea. Please tell them thanks when you see them.

Shop Small Saturday is right around the corner. Please support your local businesses whenever possible by shopping small.

That is followed closely by our Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes. There is more info on that later in the letter. We are in need of some volunteers on that Saturday to sell tickets and to act as guides in the homes. Please contact Carol Frey if you can help out in some way.

Hope to see many of you at Henry's on the 3rd, wearing ugly sweaters and draggin' white elephants.

It takes a village.
Larry

Board of Directors

Larry DeSpain-President: Hotel Glenview

Sibyl Doty-Treasurer:



Catherine Pokropinski-
Secretary

Board Members:

Amy Sack:



Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount
Carroll

John Pokropinski

Diane Bausman: Blackhawk Waterways CVB

Carol Frey: Land of Oz/Subway

Connie Zink: Roberts' Roost Country Guest
House

Jeff Elliott: Kunes Country

Lydia Hutchcraft

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

Bob Hatheway-Past President Shaw's Market
Place

Nancy Tobin-Telephones

John Pokropinski-Website Administrator

Andrew Williamson-Ribbon Cutting Liaison

Chamber General Membership Meeting

December 3, 2015

This will be our annual Christmas Party. We will have a White Elephant gift exchange and an Ugly Christmas Sweater contest

Location: Henry's Double K

Menu: Lasagna, vegetable, salad, garlic bread and dessert.

Price: \$15.00

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

**Please RSVP no later than
Monday, November 30, 2015
at 5:00PM**

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the businesses participating in the 2015 Shop Small Saturday. The businesses are: Angel Food Bakery w/Stephanie Samuels; Charlie's II; Ideas & Designs; dabluz boutique; Land of Oz Subway/Craft Mall; Mount Carroll Bowling Center; Mount Carroll Home Center; Mount Carroll Pharmacy Center; Plain Jane's Vintage Shop LLC; Prairie Path Sampler; Red Gate Embroidery; and Tina's Ice Cream Shoppe/Riverview Antiques.

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

Balance as of October 29, 2015 \$11,852.20

	<u>REVENUE</u>
10/30/15 Interest	\$ 0.26
11/18/15 Dues	\$ 75.00
11/18/15 Cat's Meow	\$ 20.00
11/18/15 Farmer's Market	\$ 5.00
Sub-Total	\$ 100.26

	<u>EXPENSE</u>
11/12/15 Mirror Democrat	\$ 216.00
11/12/15 WCCI	\$ 100.00
11/12/15 Prairie Advocate	\$ 151.00
11/12/15 US Postal Service	\$ 284.30
11/12/15 dabluz	\$ 10.00
11/19/15 Sauk Valley Media	\$ 71.40
Sub-Total	\$ 832.70

Balance as of November 19, 2015 \$11,119.76

Mayfest Checking Account \$1,979.56

Mayfest Savings Account \$779.59

Marketing

Tis the season to market our shops & community. On Shop Small Saturday — November 28 — we have several businesses who helped us promote our community through their sponsorship of our advertising. And I think we're gonna have a little money left over, which we will be donating to the Carroll County Food Pantry. You can find a list of these participants on our website (please shop them), as well as in our "thank you" portion of our newsletter. But I want to thank them, too. And I especially want to thank MJ from the Mount Carroll Home Center for all of her help and support. She shared her ideas, time and was a posting genius on Facebook. Thank you! We'll be promoting our Collectible Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes through our local newspapers and radio. We'll also have fliers (thank you Christiene Gable & Diane Bausman). IF you can post a flier where you work, please let me know and we'll get you one/some. And remember to "like" our Mount Carroll Chamber Facebook page and share, share, share. Carol Frey and her committee have worked hard on this event. The Tour of Home brochures will include a list of the day's events. Tickets will be available at the Market Street Commons on Saturday, December 5th, from 9 to 3 pm.

As always, if you need me — here's where you can find me.

dabluz boutique
815-244-4058 or shop@dabluz.com

See ya at the Christmas Party!!!

Laura Miller DeSpain

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—November 2015

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting November 18, 2015 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Laura Miller-DeSpain, John Pokropinski, Anna Gray, Amy Sack, Carol Frey, Lydia Hutchcraft, Jeff Elliott, Suzanne Miller and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain

November Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Anna Gray/ 2nd-Jeff Elliott/ Approved

September Secretary's Report: Moved to approve – Lydia Hutchcraft/ 2nd-Anna Gray/ Approved

Events:

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes: There are 5 homes on the tour this year. Volunteers for house sitting and ticket sales are needed. We also need a Santa. Catherine will send an email to members seeking volunteers. Activities for the day include musical entertainment throughout the day at Market Street Commons, Good Samaritan Society 11th annual bake sale at the Community House, Catholic ladies society bake sale at Red Gate Embroidery, Winter photo collection by Connie Zink at Market Street Commons, collection of vintage hats and more at Ideas & Designs, Winter Wonderland festival of trees at the Carroll County Farm Bureau, First Baptist Church bazaar, Friends of the Mount Carroll Public Library raffle quilt and Father Christmas story time, United Methodist Church collection of Nativity sets, pictures with Santa at Savanna Thomson State Bank, face painting and crafts at Triumph Community Bank, and the tree lighting at the Band Shell with refreshments provided by West Point Tree Farm.

Marketing: Ads for Shop Small Saturday (November 28, 2015) will appear in the Mirror Democrat and Prairie Advocate. The Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes is the following Saturday.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? November: All the small businesses participating in Shop Small Saturday. December: Tour of Home 2015 owners.

New Business:

Lisa Lewis has joined the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce board.

Laura will check with the City to find out about the annual wreath fluffing.

Letters to Santa will be sponsored by dabluz from now through December 13th.

A letter was received from Joe Grimm asking to chair next year's Brick Street Saturday. The board unanimously accepted his offer. Brick Street Saturday will be held on August 27, 2016.

V.P. Report: There will be a general membership meeting on December 3 location at Henry's Double K.

Meeting Adjourned.

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p>  <p>Become a fan of Mount Carroll, Illinois</p>		<p>1 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Community Center 6 PM—Friends of the Library</p>	2	3	4	<p>5 Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes</p>
6	7	<p>8 7:30PM City Council meeting</p>	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	<p>16 Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p</p>	17	18	19
20	21	<p>22 7:30PM City Council meeting</p>	23	24	<p>25 Christmas Day</p>	26
27	28	29	<p>30 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve</p>		

**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**

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“We take the time to care.”

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events

2015

Christmas Walk/Tour of Homes.....December 5

Rummage Through Mount Carroll 2016.....April 22 & 23

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2014-2015

Jo-Carroll Energy	Sisler Construction Inc	Bausman Mowing
Sand Prairie Wireless	Tom and Pam Sorg	Carroll County Transit
Business Employment Skills Team, Inc.	West Point Tree Farm	Prairie Path Guest House
John Pokropinski	Land of Oz	Ron Foltz
Catherine Pokropinski	Crouse Plumbing & Heating Inc	Marsha Foltz
Mount Carroll Township Public Library	Massbach Ridge Winery	Carroll County Mirror Democrat
Jim Morel	Henry's Double K LLC	Bridgepoint Education
Sherry Morel	Imaginarium Now & Zen Gallery	Midwest Technical Institute
Jerry & Sandy Cornelius	Roberts' Roost Country Guest House	CGH Medical Center
Mary Ann Hutchison	Davis Custom Decorators	MTC CGH Medical Center
Ideas 'n Designs	Red Gate Embroidery	Peter & Laura Smith
Law- Jones Funeral Homes, Inc.	Bridgepoint Education	Herrell Electric
Mount Carroll Mobil	Mount Carroll Insurance Agency	Triumph Community Bank
John & Jean Hutchison	Highland Community College	Nancy Tobin
Schneider House Furniture	Sieverts Steak-N-Stuff	Lydia Hutchcraft
dabluz	DQ Grill n Chill	Ray's Garage
Hotel Glenview	WCCI Radio	H.B. Wilkinson Title Company Inc.
Bella Vintaj	Savanna Thomson State Bank	
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency, Inc.	John and Thelma Swiech	
Carol Ingram	Pleasant Valley Construction	
Mount Carroll Home Center	City of Mount Carroll	
Consolidated Grain and Barge Co.	Country Palmer House B&B	
Shaw's Market Place	Moring Disposal, Inc.	
Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll	Charles Electronics, LLC	
David Purlee, DDS	John Bickelhaupt Insurance Agency	
Campbell Center for Historic Preservation	Mount Carroll Café	
Carroll County Senior Services Organization	Pat & Diane Bausman	