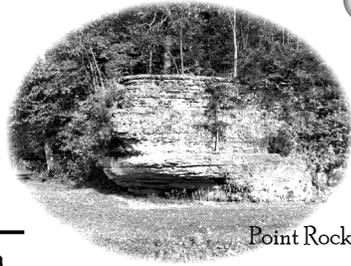


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

February 2014

Membership: 76

Dear Chamber,

January weather has definitely given us many obstacles and challenges to face already for 2014. With every challenge it is very easy to focus on the negatives and forget about the positive things that may be happening in our lives or in our business's. If we can just look past the snow, ice and rock bottom temperatures for a moment and focus on the fact that January is gone and we should be on the downhill slope to spring. Better days are ahead. Soon the weather will be warmer and our town will be filled with people looking to do something besides sitting at home watching TV.

Our first Business after Hours sponsored by Bella's was a huge success. They had a great turnout; people were socializing, networking, and discovering new opportunities. This month (February) Kallemezoo's will be hosting our second Business after Hours on February 13. I would encourage you to come out and check out this event and meet some of your friends. Learn what Kallemezoo's is all about and has to offer, it will be a good time. The March Social event will be hosted by New Morning Glass so check out our website www.mtcarrollill.org for up to date information concerning this event.

Our first Chamber sponsored event is rummage through Mount Carroll. This event always brings a lot of people to town so if you want to participate please get your information to Laura at the Debluz so she can get you signed up. For the business owners, start planning now of any special sales that you might have during the rummage through Mount Carroll. Let's be ready and show them what Mount Carroll has to offer.

See you at Kallemezoo's,
Bob Hatheway, Chamber President

Board of Directors

Bob Hatheway-President: Shaw's Market

Larry DeSpain-Vice-President: Hotel Glenview

Sibyl Doty-Treasurer: THE National Bank

Catherine Pokropinski-Secretary

Three year Board Members:

Kim Riley-Mount Carroll Township Public Library

Vacant

Vacant

Two year Board Members:

John Pokropinski

Vacant

One year Board Members:

Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll

Brandt Hutchcraft: Savanna-Thomson State Bank

Vacant

Events Coordinator: Laura Miller-DeSpain

Marketing Coordinator: Laura Miller-DeSpain-dabluz boutique

Laura Miller-DeSpain—Past President
dabluz boutique

Nancy Tobin—Telephones

Chamber Business After Hours

February 13, 2014

Kallemezoo's

5:00-7:00PM

Please join us for another Business After Hours. Feel free to bring a friend. Business After Hours are an opportunity to learn a little more about our fellow members' businesses and network with others in our community.

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the City Road Crews for keeping our roads cleared and all of our First Responders for emergency conditions.

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.

January Treasurer's Report

Balance as of December 18, 2013

\$8,854.42

		<u>REVENUE</u>	
1/3/14 Dues		\$ 150.00	
1/23/14 Dues		\$ 302.70	
SubTotal		\$ 452.70	
			<u>EXPENSE</u>
1/7/14 Mt. Carroll Home Center-chamber bucks			\$ 20.00
1/10/14 City of Mt. Carroll-chamber bucks			\$ 25.00
1/16/14 Clinton Herald			\$ 62.70
1/16/14 Journal Standard			\$ 93.78
1/16/14 WCCI			\$ 100.00
1/16/14 Prairie Advocate			\$ 120.00
1/16/14 Shaw's			\$ 61.00
1/16/14 Mirror Democrat			\$ 159.50
1/16/14 Sauk Valley Media			\$ 75.60
1/22/14 Market St. Commons-Dec & Jan Rent			\$ 200.00
1/30/14 tdg Communications-Blackhawk Guide			\$ 395.00
			<u>\$ 1,312.58</u>
Balance as to January 30, 2014	\$7,994.54		
Balance in projects account	\$ 43.63		
	\$8,038.17		
Mayfest Checking Account	\$6,010.11		
Mayfest Savings Account	\$ 778.89		

Meeting & Business After Hour Schedule for 2014

February: Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm at Kallemezoo's
 March: Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm at New Morning Glass (downtown)
 April: Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm at Imaginarium (downtown)
 May: General Membership Meeting -- tba
 June: General Membership Meeting -- tba
 July: Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm at shops @ glenview (downtown)
 August: Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm at Good Samaritan Society Mount Carroll
 September: General Membership Meeting - Potluck/Picnic - tba
 October: Business After Hours 5 to 7 pm Mount Carroll Township Public Library
 November: Available for Business After Hours
 December: Christmas Party - tba

Marketing

Is it cold enough for ya? I almost didn't ask. Sooooo tired of weather conversation and yet I found myself unable to resist. My sincerest (?) apologies. Thank you, John, for updating our website with our 2014 Events. IF another organization, or your church, has an event you'd like posted on our City/Chamber website, let John know. In all of our advertising, we welcome folks to visit our website – it's important that it be current.

Speaking of which: Have you reviewed your business listing on the website? IF your hours change during the winter, be sure to let John know. IF you've added your own website, John can link that, too. OR he can link you to your face book page.

Speaking of which: I've created several Chamber Facebook pages. Please visit them. Like them. And invite your friends to like them. So far: Mount Carroll Chamber, Rummage Through Mount Carroll, Mayfest and Ghoulish Gallop. Under the Mount Carroll Chamber page, we list our events (eventually – get it?). Please remind me via email or Facebook chat when I need to update any of these pages.

Marketing slows down a tad in the winter. Two reasons: 1. Not so much going on. 2. Not so much money left. During the winter, we continue to advertise our "Have you been to Mount Carroll" ad in the Lake Carroll News, as well as a monthly ad (and article – thank you, Angie) through the Mirror Democrat announcing our Business After Hours.

Speaking of which: Since we've gone to this new format (Business After Hours rather than monthly general membership meetings), we've garnered some new memberships! AND several businesses have already signed up to host Business After Hours. These will be listed on our City/Chamber website as well as our Facebook page (Mount Carroll Chamber). We are trying to schedule most of them for the first Thursday of the month (like our meetings) but you don't have to host yours then. IF we have more than one business hosting, we'll simply list both of them in our ad and on Facebook. The more the merrier.

Here's our updated schedule. Business After Hours are from 5 to 7 pm unless otherwise noted:

Thursday - February 13th: Kallemezo's NEW MEMBER (206 W. Market St.)

Thursday – March 6th. New Morning Glass & Market Street Walk-up NEW MEMBER (108 W. Market St.)

Thursday – April 3rd. Imaginarium (W. Market St.)

Thursday – May 7th – General Membership Meeting (location tba)

Thursday – June 5th – General Membership Meeting (location tba)

Thursday – July 3rd. Driftless Area Stillroom, dabluz boutique & Hotel Glenview (116 E. Market St.)

Thursday – August 7th. Carroll County Good Samaritan Center (1006 N. Lowden Rd.)

Thursday – September 4th – General Membership Meeting (location tba)

Thursday – October 2nd – Mount Carroll Township Public Library

Thursday – November 6th – Available

Thursday – December 4th – Chamber Christmas Party (location tba)

Speaking of which: The above dates & locations are subject to change. So keep reading your newsletter and checking your website.

That's it for now. For questions and/or suggestions for Marketing and/or Events, talk to me at: dabluz boutique or shop@dabluz.com or 815.244.4058 or 815.244.1630

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—February 2014

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting January 29, 2014 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Bob Hatheway, Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller DeSpain, John Pokropinski, Sibyl Doty, Anna Gray, Kim Riley, Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Bob Hatheway

January Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Larry DeSpain/ 2nd-John Pokropinski/ Approved

December Secretary's Report: Moved to approve-Laura Miller-DeSpain/ 2nd-Kim Riley/ Approved

2014 Events:

Rummage Through Mount Carroll: April 25 & 26 Laura already has this posted on Facebook. Chamber may host another springtime garage sale.

Rotary is also planning on having a garage sale. The Library is planning a book sale.

Farmer's Market: May through October Heather Huizenga is looking at ways to get musicians to play at Market.

Mayfest: May 23-25 Dates and location are set, some other items are in process. Chamber may have an information tent. Consideration is being given to having a silent auction or the Booth painting that was donated to Chamber last fall as well as a Chamber basket. New committee members have been welcomed and the next committee meeting is early February.

Car Cruises: June 21, July 19, August 23, September 27 Last year we sold cookies, water and Duck Pluck tickets

Independence Day: Listed but no Chamber activities planned.

Brick Street Saturday: August 30 Nothing specific planned yet.

Pumpkin Fest: October 25 Will coordinate with Diane Bausman

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes: December 6

Marketing Update: Looking at expenses to date, not a lot of expenses expected before Rummage Through Mount Carroll. If we happen to have more than one Business After Hours during a calendar month, then we will only run one ad for all in the Mirror Democrat for that month.

Newsletter Items: The City Road Crews for keeping our roads clear and all of our First Responders for emergency conditions.

New Business:

Business After Hours: Schedule is filling up fast

Lanark Chamber of Commerce: Information about and membership form was received via email.

Meeting Adjourned

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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>						1
2	3	<p>4</p> <p>8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building</p> <p>6 PM—Friends of the Library meeting</p>	5	6	7	8
9	10	<p>11</p> <p>7:30PM City Council meeting</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>Chamber Business After Hours 5p-7p at Kallemezoo's</p> <p>Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p>	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	<p>25</p> <p>7:30PM City Council meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz</p>	27	28	

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

Phone: 800-244-9594

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"We take the time to care."

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events 2014

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Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2013-2014

Jo-Carroll Energy	Highland Community College	Heritage Market
Sand Prairie Wireless	Mount Carroll Insurance Agency	Cornerstone Chiropractic
Bella's	Ronald Foltz	Shaw's Market
John Pokropinski	Marsha Foltz	Carol Ingram
Catherine Pokropinski	Sisler Construction	H. B. Wilkinson
Diane Bausman	Mount Carroll Café	Area Small Engine
Bausman Mowing	Pharmacy Center	The Driftless Area Stillroom
Jerry & Sandy Cornelius	Crouse Plumbing and Heating	Barb Brierton
Carol Remrey	Sievert's Steak-N-Stuff	Mt. Carroll Township Public Library
Tom & Pam Sorg	Elizabeth McMillin	Good Samaritan Society-Mt. Carroll
Wylma Colehour	Moring Disposal	Carroll County Mirror Democrat
Fawn Ridge Realty, Inc— Jill Bess	Kunes Country Auto	John & Thelma Swiech
James Morel	Hotel Glenview	Oakville Country Club
Sherry Morel	shops @Glenview	City of Mount Carroll
Mount Carroll Home Center	dabluz boutique	Heather Houzenga-Now & Zen Gallery
Doty's Collision Center	Peter & Laura Smith	Red Gate Embroidery
Carroll County Senior Services	Dairy Queen	Davis Custom Decorators
Law Jones Funeral Home	WCCI	Savanna-Thomson State Bank
Mount Carroll Township Public Library	Prairie Advocate	Brick Street Coffee
Prairie Path Guest House & Sampler	Charles Electronics LLC	Ideas 'n Designs
West Point Tree Farm	Schneider House Furniture	New Morning Glass
THE National Bank	Land Of Oz/ /subway	Kallemezoo's
Consolidated Grain & Barge	Carroll County Historical Society	Market Street Walk-Up
Timber Lake Playhouse	Nancy Tobin	Allwork
Country Palmer House Bed and Breakfast	Country Companies/John Bickelhaupt	
Northwestern IL Ctr for Independent Living	Mary Ann Hutchison	

Want to Feel Good???

Then say something positive!

If You Think Mt. Carroll is a GREAT place,
We want to hear from you.

GO TO:

www.Feelgoodmountcarroll.blogspot.com

We want to hear why you think Mount Carroll is such a great place. Just go to our blog and leave your positive comments for others to see. You can also respond to other positive things that have been said about Mount Carroll.

“Happiness held is the seed, Happiness shared is the flower.”

Author Unknown

We are looking for people interested in chairing events for 2014. If you are just such a person, please contact Laura Miller-DeSpain or Catherine Pokropinski.

Member Name: _____

Best way to contact: _____

I would like to help with (check as many as you want):

MAYFEST _____ Golf Outing _____

Duck Pluck _____ Brick St Sat _____

5k _____ Halloween Parade _____

Christmas Walk _____ Tour of Homes _____

Farmer's Market _____ Marketing _____

Phone Calling _____ Car Cruises _____

Meeting Planning _____

I have an idea: