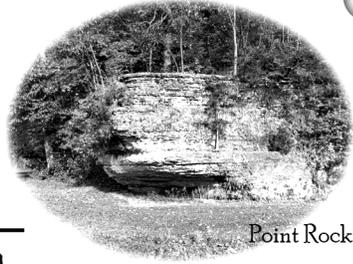


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

January 2014

Membership: 73

Happy New Year
from the
Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors

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

January 2, 2014

Bella's Food and Spirit

5:00-7:00PM

Please join us as we kick off our first Business After Hours for 2014. 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 Penny Lally and Sherry Morel, the people who opened their homes and the volunteers who made it all happen for another amazing year of Tour of Homes.

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.

December Treasurer's Report
Balance as of November 30, 2013

\$9,446.36

12/06/13 Membership meals
 12/06/13 50/50
 12/06/13 redeposit cash-membership mtg
 12/06/13 Ornament sales
 12/06/13 Ghoulish Gallop
 12/06/13 Dues
 12/13/13 Tour of Home sales

REVENUE	
\$	168.00
\$	6.50
\$	100.00
\$	105.00
\$	40.00
\$	80.00
\$	792.00
\$	1,291.50

Sub-Total

12/05/13 Brick St. Coffee-membership meals
 12/05/13 Cash for membership meeting
 12/05/13 Joe Tappanier-Santa
 12/05/13 Denver Traum-drey rides
 12/11/13 Prairie Advocate
 12/11/13 Clinton Herald
 12/11/13 Journal Standard
 12/11/13 Land of Oz-chamber bucks
 12/11/13 dabluz-chamber bucks
 12/18/13 Catherine Pokropinski-Sec/Oct-Dec
 12/18/13 Sibyl Doty-Sec/Oct-Dec
 12/18/13 City of Mt. Carroll-1/2 of Annual Service for Website

EXPENSE	
\$	168.00
\$	100.00
\$	50.00
\$	250.00
\$	100.00
\$	83.60
\$	151.84
\$	75.00
\$	30.00
\$	300.00
\$	300.00
\$	275.00
\$	1,883.44

Sub-Total

Balance as of 12/17/13

\$8,854.42

Balance in projects account

\$ 43.63

\$8,898.05

Mayfest Checking Account

\$6,009.66

Mayfest Savings Account

\$ 778.79

Just a minute...December General Membership

Meeting was held at Market Street Commons on December 5, 2013. Fourteen members were present
 Call to order-Bob Hatheway
 Pledge of Allegiance Larry DeSpain
 Blessing Anna Gray
 Treasurer's Report for November 2013 — Approved
 Secretary's Report for November 2013 — Approved
 Events:
 • Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes will run 10am-3pm, dray rides will take place weather permitting and Santa will be at the Senior Center.
 • Mayfest 2014 will be held once again at Campbell Center
 New Business:
 Change to the Chamber Constitution approved.
 50/50 winner: Wylma Colehour
 Minutes by Catherine Pokropinski.

Meeting & Business After Hour Schedule for 2014

January: Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm at Bella's Food & Spirits (downtown)
 February: Available for Business After Hours
 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: Available for Business After Hours
 September: General Membership Meeting - Potluck/ Picnic - tba
 October: Available for Business After Hours
 November: Available for Business After Hours
 December: Christmas Party - tba

Marketing

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

We recently made a change to our Constitution, removing the paragraph that said we were required to have a monthly dinner meeting. It was suggested we try Business After Hours, which would allow us an opportunity to gather socially and encourage new membership. Business After Hours can also be a great place to chat about upcoming events and share ideas.

Our Business After Hours, when scheduled, will be the first Thursday of every month from 5 to 7 pm. Hosting businesses must be Chamber businesses but everyone in the community will be invited to attend. Businesses may work together to host a Business After Hours, and the affair can be as simple or as elaborate as the business(es) desire.

We will be posting Business After Hours in the Mirror Democrat, through our monthly newsletter, as well as on our Facebook page (Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce).

Thank you to Troy and Shaina Tucker for agreeing to host our first Business After Hours! Please join us and please bring a friend, peer or employee!

Bella's Food & Spirits
(downtown on Market Street)
Thursday - January 2, 2014
5 to 7 pm

We will include a schedule in our monthly newsletter. There are a few months where we need to have a General Membership Meeting.

IF you have any questions about Business After Hours or if you'd like to host one, please let me know. You can find me here:

Laura Miller DeSpain
815-244-1630 or 815-244-4058
shop@dabluz.com

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—December 2013

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting December 18, 2013 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Bob Hatheway, Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller DeSpain, John Pokropinski, Sibyl Doty, Anna Gray, Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Bob Hatheway

December's Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Anna Gray/ 2nd-John Pokropinski/ Approved

November Secretary's Report: Moved to approve-Larry DeSpain/ 2nd-Anna Gray/ Approved

2013 Events Updates:

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes A deposit of \$792 was made. If it weren't for the Tour of Homes, the Christmas Walk wouldn't happen. Will propose to the Savanna-Thomson State Bank to pay for and sponsor Santa next year, giving them decision on who will be Santa and where he will be for pictures. We need to think about activities for kids which will draw families.

Marketing Update: Not doing a lot right now during the quiet winter months. Should not be many expenses between now and January, February and March.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank-Penny Lally and Sherry Morel and all the people who opened their homes and the volunteers who helped them for another amazing year of Tour of Homes in Mount Carroll. New item to publish in the newsletter, the unapproved (current) board meeting minutes.

New Business:

Business after hours: Pam Brown from the Savanna Chamber of Commerce suggested we hold our business after hours at the same time that our general membership meetings would have been held for consistency. The January business after hours will be held at Bella's with hors d'oeuvres being served. Heather Houzenga would like to take on the April business after hours. A regular meeting will be called in May for officer nominations, June will be our annual meeting and a picnic or potluck in September was discussed. Announcements will be made via email, mail, newsletter, facebook, webpage and newspaper.

January 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 Chamber Business After Hours 5p-7p at Bella's Food & Spirit	3	4
5	6	7 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library meeting	8	9 Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p	10	11
12	13	14 7:30PM City Council meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 7:30PM City Council meeting	29 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	30	31	

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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Web site: www.mtcarrollil.org

"We take the time to care."

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events 2014

Rummage Through Mount Carroll.....April 25 & 26
Farmer's Market.....May through October
Mayfest.....May 23-25
Car Cruise.....June 21
Independence Day.....July 4
Car Cruise.....July 19
Car Cruise.....August 23
Brick Street Saturday.....August 30
Car Cruise.....September 27
Pumpkin Fest.....October 25
Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes.....December 6

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	
Consolidated Grain & Barge	Carroll County Historical Society	
Timber Lake Playhouse	Nancy Tobin	
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: