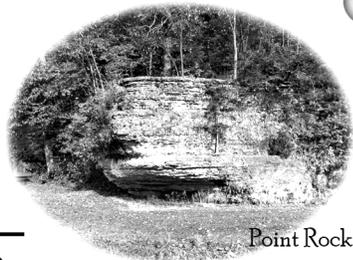


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

March 2014

Membership: 78

Dear Chamber,

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter. John and Jean are retiring (lucky Ducks) this month and I am very happy for them but I will personally miss their faces from behind the counter. They have been a blessing and an asset to Mt. Carroll for many, many years and now can retire and relax and begin to enjoy the fruits of their labors. Well done and Congratulations John and Jean. Vacation some place WARM and have fun. As for the rest of us that have jobs or a business to run all we can do is think warm thoughts while we freeze. I keep saying Spring is just around the corner but I'm thinking Spring didn't get the memo. Your chamber board has been meeting monthly and discussing the upcoming events, which the first will be rummage through Mt. Carroll and then Mayfest. We could always use help with these events so please let us know if you would like to get involved with any Chamber activities.

See you at the next Business After Hours event so watch the Mirror Democrat for the place and Time.

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

March 6, 2014

New Morning Glass

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 John and Jean Hutchison for their dedication to Mount Carroll and success of the Mount Carroll Pharmacy Center. Congratulations on your retirement!

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.

Marketing

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to host a Business After Hours, and thank you to everyone who has taken the time to visit these businesses. Every month, the Mirror Democrat includes a short note along with an ad promoting the upcoming Business After Hours. We shoot for the first Thursday of every month BUT you are welcomed to host one whenever it's best for you. IF we have more than one in a month, we'll just include all of them in our promotions. Please see the schedule included in this newsletter for the Business After Hours and General Membership Meetings. IF you'd like to host OR if you have questions about hosting, just chat at me.

Our next event is Rummage Through Mount Carroll -- April 25 & 26. Chamber will be having a sale at the Land of Oz on both days. You can start dropping off your donations (no clothing or electronics) beginning Wednesday, April 23rd. All monies will be used to promote Chamber events and businesses. Sign-ups for garage sales will begin April 1st at the dabluz boutique. We will post information in the Mirror Democrat as well as on Facebook. The cost will be \$6 to list your sale. IF you'd like to help at the sale OR if you have questions about Rummage Thru Mount Carroll, chat at me.

We appreciate all of our members, and especially want to welcome our newest members. Please take a moment to review the membership list. When you shop and do business locally, especially with Chamber members whose membership fees and volunteerism help support where you live and work, you make a difference. Thank you thank you thank you. It really does take a village.

You can find me at 815-244-4058 or 815-244-1630.

Laura Miller DeSpain
Marketing & Events Coordinator

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—March 2014

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting February 26, 2014 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Bob Hatheway, Larry DeSpain, John Pokropinski, Sibyl Doty, Anna Gray, Kim Riley, Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Bob Hatheway

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

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

2014 Events:

Rummage Through Mount Carroll: Laura Miller DeSpain has agreed to chair the event and help out at the Chamber garage sale.

Mayfest: Everything is currently on track for the event.

Marketing Update: The Mirror Democrat is running a short story with paid ads for our Business after hours. New Morning Glass is hosting the March 6 Business after hours and Heather Houzenga's Imaginarium will host the one on April 3rd.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? John and Jean Hutchison.

New Business:

- The Pharmacy Center has been storing some items belonging to the Chamber and would like to move them out of their basement. Larry will arrange to have them moved to the Hotel Glenview and a team of members will go through the items (boxes and totes) to inventory and sort them. One specific item mentioned are the historic 1982 calendars which will be on sale as commemorative items at Mayfest this year.
- Lanark chamber is hosting Visioning Sessions for Living Lanark: United for Change. Larry and Laura are planning to attend.
- The city council has approached the Chamber to see what we may need from the city to prepare for the opening of the Thomson prison (scheduled to open in 2015).
- The Mount Carroll Township Public Library is having a brainstorming session with the architects to come up with ideas for making the library ADA compliant. The sessions will be held on March 6th from 12pm to 1pm and from 5pm to 6pm.
- There is another referendum for the March elections on a 1% sales tax for schools coming up. A chamber member asked where the chamber stands on this issue. After discussion, determination was made that not enough information was available at the time of our meeting on the referendum to make an informed decision, so as a chamber we will remain neutral on this.

Meeting Adjourned

March 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	<p>6</p> <p>Chamber Business After Hours 5p-7p at New Morning Glass</p>	7	8
9	10	11	12	<p>13</p> <p>Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p</p>	14	15
16	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	18	19	20	21	22
<p>23</p> <hr/> <p>30</p>	<p>24</p> <hr/> <p>31</p>	<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	29

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.

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"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	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	Dr. Purlee
Northwestern IL Ctr for Independent Living	Mary Ann Hutchison	Henry's Double K

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: