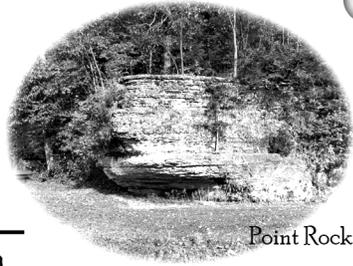


# Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Point Rock

## Chamber Pot

### November 2012

### Membership: 74

Hello Chamber,

Today (October, 24, 2012) is probably one of the last warm days we will see for a while. Tomorrow we will begin to see some pretty low temperatures that most people regret. We might even see that 4 letter word S\_\_\_ on the horizon. It is also this time of year when sales begin to slow down, and for most, it could be a time for discouragement, but I would like to remind you that this is just that nature of business. Christmas shopping will be here soon and we must stay encouraged. Our town of Mt. Carroll has never looked better. Our store fronts are filling up, and I see visitors walking our streets with positive comments. We have a new business that just opened last week called the CGB "The Country Girl Boutique", owned by Shelly Tautz. We also have a tanning salon opening soon in Slick's old barber shop. Charlie's and Kalamazoo's are still open and doing well. We have a top notch pharmacy that I would put above any CVS, Walgreens, or any big box pharmacy. WE have restaurants and cafes that are all unique in atmosphere and style that brings people from all walks of life. We have 2 gas stations, a hardware/lumber store, a subway, a Dairy Queen, a grocery store, 3 banks and a Town full of people that care about Mt. Carroll. Some towns around us have nothing. We are very fortunate to have a community of people that care and a community of businesses that have the will to survive.

The Mt. Carroll chamber is actively working hard to keep events and programs going to help promote Mt. Carroll. Our budgets are slim but our hearts are BIG. We know that there are more people out there that care about and would love to be involved with activities such as Mayfest and October Nights, the Christmas walk, the Garden Walk, etc, they just haven't been asked yet. If you know of someone please ask them or direct them toward a chamber member.

I also wanted to take this time to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving this month. May God bless you and your family.

Thanks, Bob Hatheway

## 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:

Vacant  
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Two year Board Members:

Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount  
Carroll  
Brandt Hutchcraft: Savanna-Thomson State  
Bank  
Vacant

One year Board Members:

Carol Frey: Land of Oz / Subway  
Nancy Tobin  
Vacant

Events Coordinator: Laura Miller-DeSpain

Marketing Coordinator: Laura Miller-DeSpain-  
dabluz boutique

Laura Miller-DeSpain—Past President  
dabluz boutique

Nancy Tobin—Telephones

## Chamber General Membership Meeting

December 6, 2012

Charlie's

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Cost: \$ tbd

Menu: To be announced

**Please RSVP by**

**Monday, December 3rd**

**at 5:00PM**

Call 800-244-9594 (Option 1)

Or Email: [mcchambersecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mcchambersecretary@gmail.com)

This is our annual Christmas Party. Please bring a Grab Bag gift (worth \$10) if you would like to participate in the exchange.

## Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Brandt Hutchcraft for the successful Brick Street Classic Golf outing!

**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 REPORT**

Now that Farmer's Market and Third Thursdays have ended for the season, we have some room in our monthly Lake Carroll ad to add events. Currently, we regularly run Five Minutes of Fame (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month). For November, we have also included the Open Mic (Sundays) at Charlie's. The Lake Carroll ad runs monthly only, and the deadline for November has passed. BUT we will continue to run this ad every month, so if you have a special event planned or are hosting entertainment, please let us know so we can include it if possible. Every day's a holiday in Mount Carroll!!!!

We are also beginning to market our Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes. Updated information for these events will be on the website as they become available. IF you have suggestions, please let either Penny Lally (Tour) or me (Walk) know so that we can include them if possible.

We are working on a Ladies Day Out campaign to bring shoppers to Mount Carroll for Small Business Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> (the Saturday after Thanksgiving). Please consider advertising your specials when the local paper representatives come around.

Marketing continues to chat regularly via email. IF you would like to be a part of that group, or if you have ideas to share, please let us know. We're all in this together.

Laura Miller DeSpain  
815-244-4058 or 815-244-1630

**Just a minute...**

Meeting held at Oakville Country Club on October 4, 2012

Call to order and pledge of Allegiance-Bob Hatheway

Blessing-Paul Tobin

Treasurer's Reports for September 2012 — Approved

Secretary's Report for September — Approved

Guest Speaker: Kathleen Weber of the Business Institute at Highland Community College

Events:

- First Annual Brick Street Classic Golf Outing
- October Happenings
- Cruise Nights for 2013
- Duck Pluck tickets on sale starting with first 2013 Cruise Night
- Christmas Walk and Tour of homes

Marketing Update: Looking for more ways to promote the community and stay within the budget

New Business:

Adult tricycles for various events and fundraising

Blackhawk Waterways creating videos promoting tourism of our area

50/50 Winner: Jeff Elliott \$13.50

Thank you to Laura Miller-DeSpain for taking and preparing the minutes for the October General Membership Meeting.

# November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Visit the Community Calendar online at <a href="http://www.mtcarrollil.org">www.mtcarrollil.org</a></b></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  Chamber General Membership Meeting 6p at Oakville	2  Shop Hop	3  Shop Hop
4  Shop Hop	5	6  8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library meeting	7	8  Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p	9  Shop Hop	10  Shop Hop
11  Shop Hop	12	13  7:30PM City Council meeting	14	15  3rd Thursday Art Walk	16	17
18	19	20	21	22  <b>Thanksgiving</b>	23	24
25	26	27  7:30PM City Council meeting	28  7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	29	30	

**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 2012

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes.....December 1

### Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2012-2013

Jo-Carroll Energy	Charlie's	Schneider House Furniture
Sand Prairie Wireless	John & Thelma Swiech	Moring Disposal Inc
Consolidated Grain And Barge	Kunes Country Auto Group	Dr. David Purlee
John Pokropinski	Ideas 'N Designs	Good Samaritan Society-Mt. Carroll
Catherine Pokropinski	Sisler Construction Inc	City of Mount Carroll
dabluz boutique	Land of Oz	Sievert's Steak 'N Stuff
Shops @ Glenview	Assurance First Title & Escrow Co, Inc	Red Gate Embroidery
Hotel Glenview	Area Small Engine	Davis Custom Decorating
Carroll County Auto Parts	Shaw's Market	WCCI
ChuckCo's Tire & Service LLC	First Baptist Church	Dairy Queen
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency Inc.	Highland Community College	Country Palmer House B & B
Ron Foltz	Catwalk Salon	Diane Bausman
Marsha Foltz	Pleasant Valley Construction	Mt. Carroll Township Public Library
Mt. Carroll Home Center	Massbach Ridge Winery	Crouse Plumbing & Heating
Mary Ann Hutchison	THE National Bank	Plein Air Studio
Construction Plus Inc.	Cornerstone Chiropractic	Carroll County Mirror Democrat
Prairie Path Guest House & Sampler	Herrell Electric	Newton Manufacturing
Quality Child Care—Gloria Davis	West Point Tree Farm	Nancy Tobin
Mt. Carroll Pharmacy Center	Tom & Pam Sorg	Paul Tobin
Frank-Law Jones Funeral Home	County Financial (John Bickelhaupt)	Oakville Country Club
Charles & Doris Kessler	Ashford University	Campbell Center
Timber Lake Playhouse	Mount Carroll Café	Carroll County Historical Society
Doty's Collision Center	Mt. Carroll Insurance Agency	Prairie Advocate
Carroll County Senior Services	H. B. Wilkinson Title Co, Inc	Raven's Grin
The Driftless Area Stillroom	Savanna Thomson State Bank	