

# Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



## Chamber Pot

### November 2008

### Membership: 76

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#### From the Prez — Laura Miller-DeSpain

Another Halloween Happenings has come and gone—kudos to the committee, sponsors and volunteers for putting together a fabulous event. We have so much to be proud of in this community, and it's a pleasure to get to entertain folks from near and far.

And speaking of entertaining folks! It's almost time to vote. Every vote counts (in Chicago and Ohio, they count twice!!!) so get out there and do your duty (unless you're voting for the other guy). The Christmas Season will soon be upon us.

The economy is rough—just one more reason to eat, drink and shop locally! Let's celebrate the season by spreading the wealth around town!!! I hope to see every single one of you at our next meeting—there's a contest going on! You won't want to miss it!!!

Bye for now. You know where you can find me, but if you don't—here it is:  
Laura Miller-DeSpain, dabluz boutique, 116 E. Market St., Mt. Carroll  
815-244-4058 or 815-244-1630 or Email [shop@dabluz.com](mailto:shop@dabluz.com)

## Board of Directors

Laura Miller-DeSpain—President  
dabluz boutique

Mike Lenz—Vice-President  
Kallemazoo's

Terrie Miller—Treasurer  
H.B. Wilkinson Title Company

Christiene Gable—Secretary  
Savanna-Thomson State Bank

Three year Board Members:  
Jeff Davis: Davis Custom Decorators  
Tom Cravatta: Area Small Engine

Two year Board Members:  
Nancy Tobin: Retired  
Ann Crouse: State Bank of Pearl City

One year Board Members:  
Barb Lange: THE National Bank  
Carol Remrey: Brick Street Dollar

Gwen Lowe—Events Coordinator  
Flower Fan-A-See

John Swiech—Marketing Coordinator  
CDC Executive Director

Sibyl Doty—Past President  
THE National Bank

## Christmas Ornaments



Green Lettering  
on Green Mist

The 2008 Limited Edition Treasured Scenes Ornaments featuring the Mt. Carroll Lutheran Church are available. Please contact JoAnn Palmer at 244-2343 or stop by Flower Fan-A-See or dabluz boutique.

Some past ornaments are still available; including Methodist Church, Colehour Elevator, & Main Street School.

## General Membership Meeting November 6th—Oakville Country Club

6 PM—Social Time 6:30 PM—Dinner  
7 PM—Business Meeting

**Entrée: Ham & Au Gratin Potatoes**

**Cost: \$10 per person**

**Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 4th at 5 PM.  
Call 815-275-3280 or Email: [admin@mtcarrollil.org](mailto:admin@mtcarrollil.org)**

**If you have dietary restrictions,  
please specify when making RSVP. Thank you.**

**Mission Statement:** The Mt. 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 Mt. Carroll.

# Treasurer's Report

<b>Balance as of 9/22/07</b>	<b>\$13,022.47</b>	
		<b>REVENUE</b>
9/2/2008 Dues Deposit Directly at Bank		\$37.50
9/26/2008 RB Float Sales		\$136.00
9/30/2008 Interest		\$2.88
10/7/2008 Ornament Sales		\$40.00
10/7/2008 Lamppost Signup		\$190.00
10/9/2008 Transfer from Projects Account		\$1,820.00
10/14/2008 Dues		\$225.00
10/16/2008 Dues		\$337.50
10/24/2008 Dues		\$153.00
10/24/2008 Lamppost Signup		\$10.00
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$2,951.88</b>
		<b>EXPENSE</b>
10/6/2008 Carroll County Review		\$30.00
10/6/2008 Village Voices		\$40.00
10/6/2008 CenturyTel		\$33.99
10/6/2008 Telegraph Herald		\$125.00
10/6/2008 Shaws Food Pride		\$60.83
10/6/2008 Pharmacy Center (CB)		\$20.00
10/6/2008 Brick Street Dollar (CB)		\$15.00
10/6/2008 Mirror Democrat		\$307.00
10/8/2008 Woodward Printing Services		\$1,400.00
10/11/2008 Sievert's Steak 'N Stuff (CB)		\$40.00
10/11/2008 The Epoch Axiom Group Inc.		\$420.00
10/11/2008 Christiene Gable		\$450.00
10/16/2008 October Happenings Cash		\$300.00
10/25/2008 Mt. Carroll CDC		\$5.86
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$3,247.68</b>
<b>Balance as of 10/26/08</b>	<b>\$12,726.67</b>	
<b>Balance in projects account</b>	<b>\$3,424.00</b>	
	<b>\$16,150.67</b>	

# Events Committee

Plans are well under way for the Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes (December 6th). Plans include Horse-drawn wagon rides, a Holiday Luncheon (& Dessert), and photos with Santa Claus. The next Events meeting will be November 18th at Land of Oz at 6 PM. If you have ideas for new or existing events, please share.

# Marketing Committee

Brochures will arrive November 6th and be available at the General Membership meeting. Directional Signage from Lake Carroll to Mt. Carroll are in place. Advertising for the Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes is being put in place. Mary and Corky Roach are working on the 2009 Farmers Market. A contest has been approved to coincide with the arrival of the new Discover Mt. Carroll brochure. Entries must be received by December 3rd and winners announced December 6th. Details will be announced at the General Membership meeting November 6th.

The next Marketing Meeting will be December 8th at 8 AM in the conference room at Savanna-Thomson State Bank (Mt. Carroll Facility).

# Don't forget to vote - Nov. 4th

Just a minute...

- Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance: President Laura Miller-DeSpain
- Introduction of Guests: Nikki Becktal, John & Catherine Pokropinski
- Motion to Approve Minutes: Randy Stadel, Mike Lenz seconded
- Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Barb Lange, Mike Lenz seconded
- Committee Reports:
  - \*Events: Laura Miller-DeSpain—Lamp Post Contest, Cemetery Tours, Riverview Center Ribbon Cutting
  - Mike Lenz—Thomson Prison Guard job opportunities, Misty Hollow Designs Ribbon Cutting
  - \*Kraft Building: Lou Schau—USDA Funding Grant of \$99,000, Food Boutiques in future plans for building
  - \*Program: Russ Simpson and Heidi Weber of Jo-Carroll Energy
  - Home Energy Efficiency Audit

# November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at <a href="http://www.mtcarrollil.org">www.mtcarrollil.org</a></p> <p><b>*November 4th—Election Day</b>  <b>*November 11th—Veteran’s Turkey Supper (UMC)</b>  <b>*November 28th—Black Friday</b>  <b>*December 6th—Christmas Walk &amp; Tour of Homes</b></p>					<p>31 5:30 PM— Costume Parade 6 - 8 PM—Trick of Treat Hours  Halloween</p>	1
<p>2  Daylight Savings Time Ends</p>	3	<p>4 8 AM—CDC Executive Com- mittee meeting at Team Products  <b>Election Day</b></p>	<p>5 6 PM—Friends of the Library meet- ing at Library</p>	<p>6 6 PM—Chamber General Mem- bership Meeting: Oakville Country Club</p>	7	8
9	10	<p>11 8 AM—CDC Executive Com- mittee meeting at Team Products  7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall  <b>Veteran’s Day</b></p>	12	<p>13 5:30 PM— NWIL Business Card Exchange at Checo’s Res- taurant, Stockton</p>	14	15
16	<p>17 6 PM—Relay For Life Planning Committee meet- ing at Land of Oz</p>	<p>18 8 AM—CDC Executive Com- mittee meeting at Team Products  6 PM—Events Committee meet- ing at Land of Oz</p>	<p>19 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz</p>	<p>20 9:30 AM— Carroll County Board meeting at Courthouse</p>	21	22
<p>23</p>	<p>24 6 PM—City Com- mittees meeting at City Hall</p>	<p>25 8 AM—CDC Executive Com- mittee meeting at Team Products  7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall</p>	26	<p>27 </p>	28	29
<p>30</p>						

**Be a member of the Mt Carroll Chamber of Commerce (renew your membership).  
 Dues are \$75 for businesses and \$37.50 for individuals.  
 It is NOT necessary to own a business to be a Chamber member.  
 Mail to: Mt. Carroll Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 94, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053**

## Mt. Carroll Chamber of Commerce

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*"We take the time to care."*

## Energy Efficiency Tips

**Use compact fluorescents (CFLs).** Replace most-used incandescent lights with CFLs. NOTE: When a Compact Fluorescent Lamp does not work anymore, it can be recycled by putting it in the drop box at Mt. Carroll City Hall or the University of Illinois Extension Office in Mt. Carroll.

**Use your heater sensibly:** Set to 68 by day and much lower by night. Use a programmable thermostat. Keep heating ducts and equipment clean. Clean or replace furnace filters regularly.

**Repair leaky ducts.** Check for leaks in air ducts when furnace or AC is on. Seal leaks with "mastic" tape. A qualified contractor can help.

**Get rid of drafts.** Install weatherstripping around doors, window frames, and AC units. Use caulk where pipes and window frames meet the wall.

**Turn off lights and appliances when not in use.** Turn off lights, TV, VCR/DVD player, computer equipment, and portable heaters when not in use. Set computers to enable power management.

**Vacuum refrigerator coils.** If unit has back coils, position it at least 4" from rear wall. If coils are exposed, vacuum to keep clean.

**Use your microwave to save.** Use the microwave instead of a conventional range or oven. Don't use your oven to heat the kitchen; it's inefficient and can be unsafe.

**Wrap it up.** Wrap your older water heater in an insulating blanket to hold in heat. Many new super-efficient water heaters are available.

**Look for these features when Home Buying:** Passive solar, energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, tightly sealed ducts, proper insulation, and energy-saving windows.

## **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!**

- ✓ The average American throws away 4.5 pounds of trash per day.
- ✓ Every ton of newspaper recycled saves enough energy to power a TV for 31 hours. **Drop those old newspapers off at the Carroll County Senior Center.**
- ✓ Recycling a six-pack of aluminum cans saves the same amount of energy needed to drive a car five miles.
- ✓ Through recycling each year, the steel industry saves enough energy to power 18 million homes.



## Christmas Walk Treats Saturday, December 6th

### Sawyer House

203 East Seminary Street  
on the grounds of the Campbell Center  
Mount Carroll

### Luncheons with seating from noon to 12:30

Feature:

a Vintage Sandwich Loaf  
Minestrone Soup  
Relishes  
Assorted (decadent) Desserts  
Coffee or Tea  
\$12.00 per person

### Desserts with seating from 1:30 to 2:30

Include Coffee or Tea  
\$5.00 per person

Seating is limited to forty guests for the luncheon and thirty guests for the desserts.

### Tickets are sold IN ADVANCE ONLY

(beginning Nov. 1) at dabluz boutique  
in the historic Hotel Glenview  
116 E. Market St., Mount Carroll

For more information, please contact  
Diane Manikowski at 815/382-4544.

*All proceeds benefit the Mount Carroll  
Chamber of Commerce.*

