

Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



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Chamber Pot

April 2009

Membership: 83

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From the Prez — Laura Miller-DeSpain

I have so much to be grateful for – living and doing business in Mt. Carroll is just one of them. I appreciate so much the extra effort of our Board in helping me as I mend. I also appreciate all the kindnesses I've received – I'll be getting notes out there but didn't want to waste another minute. This is a fabulous community. And although I have lived here less than three years, I feel like I grew up here. And that is a very good thing.

Thank you!

I'm looking not only forward to feeling better, but to all that spring and summer bring to our community. Part-time residents have been coming "home" – getting their places ready. Tourists are back on the road – taking advantage of better weather and lower gas prices. Through all kinds of economic struggles, new businesses continue to "pop up".

In the past year, we've seen several: The Plum Patch, Misty Hollow, BSD Printing and Fur The Love Of Dogs – just to name a few. And I imagine there are many home-based businesses that have also started. It's corny but true: When the going gets tough, the tough get going. So with that, I'm gonna get going. Thank you again for all you do to make this a place I am so proud to call "home".

You know where you can find me, but if you don't – here it is:

Laura Miller-DeSpain, dabluz boutique, 116 E. Market St., 815-244-4058 or 815-244-1630.

Board of Directors

Laura Miller-DeSpain—President
dabluz boutique

Mike Lenz—Vice-President
Kallemezoo'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

Karen Davis—Events Coordinator

John Swiech—Marketing Coordinator
CDC Executive Director

Sibyl Doty—Past President
THE National Bank



Attention Businesses:

List your sales on the
Rummage Through Mt. Carroll Map!
Cost is \$5 for two lines.

Contact Laura Miller-DeSpain to be included!
(815) 244-4058 or E-mail: shop@dabluz.com

General Membership Meeting April 2nd—Oakville Country Club

6 PM—Social Time 6:30 PM—Dinner

7 PM—Campbell Center

Entrée: Pot Roast Dinner

Cost: \$10 per person

**Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 31st at 5 PM.
Call 815-275-3280 or Email: 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

Balance as to 2/24/09		\$ 10,179.27	
			REVENUE
02/27/09	Interest	\$	0.79
03/06/09	Farmers Market Marketing Donation	\$	100.00
03/06/09	Meeting Cash	\$	75.00
03/06/09	Meeting Meals	\$	280.00
03/20/09	Brochure Distribution - Donation	\$	50.00
03/20/09	FM Vendor Fee	\$	20.00
	Sub-Total	\$	525.79
			EXPENSES
03/03/09	Meeting Cash	\$	75.00
03/04/09	City of Mt. Carroll (liquor license)	\$	75.00
03/05/09	Oakville Country Club	\$	280.00
03/20/09	Shaw's Food Pride (CB)	\$	10.00
03/20/09	CenturyTel	\$	34.46
03/20/09	Blackhawk Waterways	\$	80.40
03/20/09	Keystone Specialties, Inc.	\$	625.90
	Sub-Total	\$	1,180.76
	Balance as of 3/23/09	\$ 9,524.30	
	Credit Card Account	\$ 81.54	
	Balance of Project Account	\$ 1,940.13	
		\$ 11,515.97	

Just a minute ...

March 5, 2009

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance: Pres. Laura Miller-DeSpain
Blessing: Jeff Davis

Introduction of Guests: Julie & Dave Cuckler

Motion to Approve Minutes: Jeff Davis, Mike Lenz seconded

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Catherine Pokropinski,
Mike Lenz seconded

VP Report: Mike Lenz reported Mike Risko (representing the
Campbell Center) will give a presentation at the April General
Meeting

Committee Reports:

*Events: Karen Davis—Events Coordinator (Chairperson for
Halloween Happenings still needed) Laura Miller-DeSpain is
compiling the Rummage Sale Map, businesses may list their
sales on the back of the map (Cost—\$5 for 2 lines).

Nancy Tobin advised attendees that various webinars,
seminars, and Internet training/advertising is available.

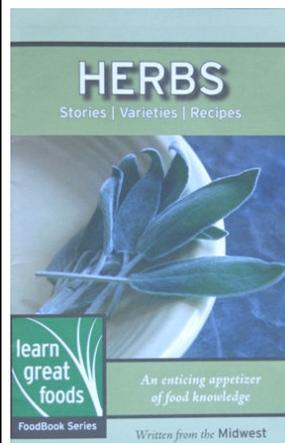
*Marketing: John Swiech—Still waiting for a response to the
application for the Farmers Market Grant. 2009 Calendar of
Events is almost complete. Advertising will be placed with
Lake Carroll, Timber Lake Resort, and Timber Lake Playhouse.

Old Business: Doug Bergren gave a brief summary of the Rural
Affairs Institute he attended.

New Business: An order for the 2009 Christmas ornament
(featuring the Pharmacy Center) will be placed.

Program: Mayor candidates

Learn Great Foods Receives Honors at Governor's Conference



Learn Great Foods of Mount Carroll received a 2009 **Illinois Excellence in Tourism Award** at the 2009 Governor's Conference on Tourism held recently in Chicago. Their **Herbs Food-Book** received the award for Best Creative Cooperative Partnership.

The 16 page full color booklet features local chefs, local growers, gorgeous herb gardens, and great recipes. The booklets are currently available at the John Deere Historic Site. The award description noted that the Herbs booklets, which retail for \$2.45 each, along with five upcoming titles - Asparagus, Bison, Fish, Lettuce, and Tomatoes - are ideal for sale at farmers markets, gardening clubs, and school fundraisers.

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org			1 6 PM—Friends of the Library meeting at Library	2 6 PM—Chamber General Membership Meeting: Oakville Country Club	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6 6 PM—Highway 64/78 Festival Planning meeting at Land of Oz	7 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products	8 8 AM—Chamber Marketing Committee meeting at STSB (Mt. Carroll)	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter	13	14 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products 7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall	15 6 PM—Relay For Life Planning meeting 7 PM—Team Capt meeting Both at Heritage Center in Lanark	16 9:30 AM—Carroll County Board meeting at Courthouse	17	18
19	20	21 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products	22	23 8:30 AM—Greening Our Communities at Buck's Barn 5:30 PM—Carroll County Health Dept Board meeting at Health Dept building	24	25 Rummage Through Mt. Carroll
26	27 6 PM—City Committees meeting at City Hall	28 7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall	29 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	30		

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

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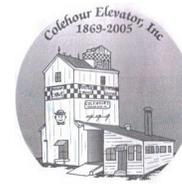
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"We take the time to care."

Past Chamber Ornaments Still Available



Brown
Lettering on
Golden Mist



Red
Lettering on
White



White
Lettering on
Purple

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. The 2009 Ornament will feature the Pharmacy Center building.

Events Committee

The results are in! The events survey overwhelmingly indicates that Chamber members are in favor of continuing our annual events and that there is room for improvement. For your participation in the survey, thank you. For your help with past events, thank you! For your support of future events, thank you.

When we work together at events we promote the warm and wonderful character of Mount Carroll to visitors and we also happen to give our neighbors a reason to be proud of their home town. That's why events are worth the effort.

If you would like to see the detailed results of the events survey you may attend the April meeting or contact Karen Davis at kadavis40@hotmail.com. Also, that evening we will recognize our many dedicated volunteers. If ever you have served wine at Mayfest, hosted a garden tour, served a root beer float; performed in the cemetery, hosted a house tour, sold tickets, distributed flyers, or done any of the myriad of tasks for one of our events, please come and receive our gratitude. Surprises will abound.

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee will meet again April 8, 2009 at the Mt. Carroll facility of Savanna-Thomson State Bank at 8 AM.

Greening Our Communities: Resources, Ideas, & Collaboration

April 23, 2009

8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

**Buck's Barn Restaurant
Route 84, Thomson, IL
(between Thomson and Savanna)**

**Hosted by the Green Fair
Committee of NW Illinois
Facilitated by
University of Illinois Extension**