

Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

June 2009

Membership: 83

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From the Prez — Laura Miller-DeSpain

I heard a great saying at our City Hall Meeting the other night: "The future of Mt. Carroll is its history." So with that in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in Chamber for their hard work and dedication this past year. In spite (or despite) a fractured economy, our Chamber continues to work hard so that Mt. Carroll does have a future as a prosperous community. The tourist season is upon us, and it's exciting to see new and returning faces in town. All of our businesses are affected by tourism -- whether it's directly or indirectly. Some folks come JUST to visit -- some folks come and make it their home -- some folks come to start a business because they like what they see. Our Board has prepared the budget for the 2009/2010 year. We will be presenting it at the June meeting, along with the results of the Community Survey that was done a few meetings ago. We will be inducting the new slate of officers and board members. So join us -- PLEASE. We have a lot to be proud of in Mt. Carroll. Our Chamber of Commerce is a perfect example.

See you on the 4th!!! Need to talk to me? Here's how: Laura Miller-DeSpain
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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

TIMBER LAKE PLAYHOUSE

GREASE June 4—14, 2009

June 18—27, 2009



Call the Box Office to reserve your seat at (815) 244-2035

General Membership Meeting
June 4th—Oakville Country Club
6 PM—Social Time 6:30 PM—Dinner
7 PM—Budget

Entrée: Italian Beef Dinner
Cost: \$10 per person

Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 2nd 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 of 4/21/09	\$9,480.51	
			REVENUE
4/30/2009	Interest		\$0.78
5/6/2009	FM Vendor Fee		\$20.00
5/6/2009	Garage Sale Signup		\$265.00
5/13/2009	Rotary Reimbursement Dram Shop cost		\$548.66
5/26/2009	FM Vendor Fee		\$42.00
5/26/2009	Wine Tent Sales		\$4,635.25
5/26/2009	Wine Tent Cash		\$300.00
	Subtotal		\$5,811.69
			EXPENSE
5/5/2009	Chamber Credit Card Account		\$30.00
5/5/2009	Christiene Gable (Website Maintenance)		\$600.00
5/9/2009	Mt. Carroll Lions Club		\$140.00
5/9/2009	Village Voices		\$57.10
5/9/2009	Mirror Democrat		\$424.00
5/9/2009	Blackhawk Waterways		\$163.95
5/9/2009	Clinton Herald		\$27.17
5/9/2009	The Journal Standard		\$10.00
5/9/2009	Carroll County Review		\$5.50
5/9/2009	WCCI		\$75.00
5/9/2009	CenturyTel		\$35.28
5/9/2009	Clark Carroll Insurance		\$723.00
5/11/2009	Postmaster		\$2.00
5/20/2009	River Valley		\$524.95
5/22/2009	Wine Tent Startup Money		\$300.00
	Subtotal		\$3,117.95
	Balance as of 5/26/09	\$12,174.25	
	Credit Card Account	\$101.61	
	Balance of Project Account	\$1,940.48	
		\$14,216.34	

Marketing Committee

The Committee met at the Savanna-Thomson State Bank at 8:30 am on May 13, 2009. The first round of Calendar of Events has been printed and distributed. Will most likely have to purchase another.

Target marketing in both Lake Carroll and Village Voices. Both papers are running "banner" ads. Lake Carroll's tag is "follow the signs" with notes about various advertisers. Running once per month. Village Voices "banner" ad includes space for rent at a cost of \$5 per person. We will run twice per month.

Car Cruise Nights: Savanna-Thomson State Bank is donating bags to Len for the Cruise Nights to fill with coupons & goodies from various businesses. Len has distributed fliers throughout the area, in travel/car magazines, and more.

John is working on the Wayfinding sign program. More information to follow.

Suggested we do signage from Timberlake to Mt. Carroll like we did from Lake Carroll. Would only one sign be needed?

Updating and distributing (for Mayfest and Cruise Nights) the Shopping, Lodging, and Food Guide.

The City sign on Church of God property is no longer leaning.

A suggestion was made for the Chamber to spend \$1,000 toward umbrellas for the Farmer's Market. Will make suggestion at next Board Meeting.

The Marketing Committee will meet again June 10, 2009 at the Mt. Carroll facility of Savanna-Thomson State Bank at 8 AM.

June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6 PM—Highway 64/78 Festival Planning meeting at Land of Oz	2 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products	3 6 PM—Friends of the Library meeting at Library	4 6 PM—Chamber General Membership Meeting: Oakville Country Club Opening Night at Timber Lake Playhouse: Grease	5	6 Farmer's Market
7	8	9 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products 7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall	10 8 AM—Chamber Marketing Committee meeting at STSB (Mt. Carroll)	11	12 4 - 6 PM—Tyler's Justice Center Rummage Sale in Stockton	13 Farmer's Market 9 - 1 PM—Tyler's Justice Center Rummage Sale in Stockton
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18 9:30 AM—Carroll County Board meeting at Courthouse Opening Night at Timber Lake Playhouse: Lend Me A Tenor	19	20 Farmer's Market 5 PM—Cruise Night in Downtown Mt. Carroll
21 First day of summer Father's Day	22 6 PM—City Committees meeting at City Hall	23 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products 7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall	24 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	25 5:30 PM—Carroll County Health Dept Board meeting at Health Dept building	26	27 Farmer's Market 6 PM—Relay For Life of Carroll County at Milledgeville High School
28	29	30	<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p> <p>Educational Seminars/Webinars are also listed under the Community Calendar Heading</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**

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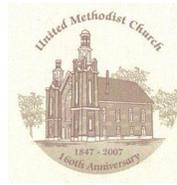
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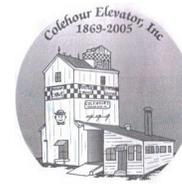
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"We take the time to care."

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

Rejoice! The lost has been found!

Be sure to thank Tom Cravatta for coming forward to save the day for **October Happenings!** Some of you have already offered to help with one or more of the activities which make up this event. You will be contacted soon to begin making plans for this popular fall festival. Thank you, Tom. We couldn't do it without your generous contribution of time and energy.

The **Mayfest Wine Garden** was a success again this year. Thanks to the addition of 20th century electric coolers our volunteers had much less work and worry with serving chilled wines and other beverages. Many thanks to those of you who helped out (many of whom are not Chamber members) and especially to Nancy Tobin, Mike Lenz, and Karen Davis who prepared the event and to Ann Crouse and Barb Lange for lining up our volunteers. Thanks to Jeff Davis who used his muscles, truck and trailer to deliver and return the appliances and more as needed. Thank you to all our volunteers who showed up (we had 100% attendance!) and served the Mayfest patrons with grace and efficiency. Those who served or helped in other ways were (in order of appearance) Cheryl Fiser, Sandi White, Sibyl Doty, Mary Ann Hutchison, Carol Remrey, Kirsten Adami, Carla & Steve Klootwyk, Chastity Welch, Lisa

Jones, Lanny Stone, Larry & Laura Despain, Terrie Miller, Mary Jo Frederick, Melissa Law, Melanie Frederick, Gwen Lowe, Christiene Gable, Mike Neuschwanger, Eina Schroeder, Cindy Pingitore, Anne Dougherty, Oz & Carol Frey, Clark and Jan Van Buskirk, Lou Pingitore, John & Jean Hutchison, Nan Woodside, Jo Ann Palmer, Kevin & Diane Powers, Cynthia Woessner, Diane Olds, Tom Cravatta, and Lou Schau.

Our next event is the **Garden Walk**, Saturday, July 11. Be sure to fill a shift at one of the gardens if you are able to help. It is always a pleasant day among the beauty of flowers and a great opportunity to meet neighbors and visitors alike. Diane Bausman is heading this event.

Chamber's Root Beer Floats are returning to Cruise Nights. You, too, can be a soda jerk for an evening. Two hours is all it takes to qualify as an expert. Sign up at our June general membership meeting or contact Karen Davis at kadavis40@hotmail.com. If you do neither it will be assumed that you anxiously awaiting our call asking for your preference of dates. Cruise nights are: June 20, July 18, August 15, and September 19. Thanks. The Events Committee is busy working to coordinate the events for 2009. If you would like to help with an event, contact Karen Davis for more information.