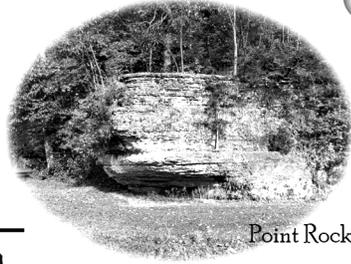


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

December 2012

Membership: 75

Hello Chamber,

HO HO HO and a VERY Merry Christmas to all! I pray all is well with business as well as your family. Now that Thanksgiving is behind us we still have much to be Thankful for. We have been very fortunate with much good weather lately, Remember it could be snowing. Small business Saturday seemed to bring some shoppers to town this past weekend. I think that if this continues to get media coverage and support from the small businesses, you will begin to see a positive impact on your customer transactions. Many of you ran special ads that week in the local papers which made a nice presence for Mt. Carroll as a business community. Just because small business Saturday is over doesn't mean that we should stop running specials this month. It's important to be ready for customers as soon as you open the doors and change up your specials on a daily or weekly basis to keep things new and fresh. Keep up the good work.

Our Christmas walk and tour of homes is this Saturday December 1st. Thank You Penny for all that you have done to get prepared for this. Most years we struggle to find 6 homes to tour for our Tour of homes, this year we have 9 and we had to turn away a few homes, what a blessing to have so many to show off this year. So let's be ready for the extra customers that will be driving around Mt. Carroll this weekend.

I look forward to see many of you at are chamber dinner this month at Charlie's, so come out and show your support for Mt. Carroll.

Merry Christmas,
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

January 3, 2013

Market Street Commons

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Cost: \$ 12.00

Menu: To be announced

Please RSVP by

**Monday, December 31st
at 5:00PM**

Call 800-244-9594 (Option 1)

Or Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Guest Speaker: Lou Schau, Mount Carroll Rotary

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Christiene Gable for running the Cemetery Tour and Fayellen Sametra for leading the annual Halloween Costume parade.

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.

November Treasurer's Report

Balance as of October 29, 2012 **\$ 8,337.13**

| | REVENUE |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 11/3/12 Dues | \$ 75.00 |
| 11/3/12 Lamp post contest | \$ 180.00 |
| 11/3/12 Redeposit cash-membership mtg | \$ 125.00 |
| 11/3/12 50/50 | \$ 26.00 |
| 11/3/12 Membership mtg - meals | \$ 204.00 |
| 11/13/12 Membership mtg - meals | \$ 12.00 |

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| | Sub-Total \$ 622.00 |
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| | EXPENSE |
|---|----------------|
| 11/1/12 Oakville Country Club-Nov meals | \$ 252.00 |
| 11/1/12 Cash-membership meals | \$ 125.00 |
| 11/8/12 Journal Standard | \$ 134.04 |
| 11/8/12 Prairie Advocate | \$ 133.00 |
| 11/8/12 WCCI-Oct Nights | \$ 100.00 |
| 11/8/12 Shaw's Chamber Bucks | \$ 114.77 |
| 11/9/12 Sec. of State-annual report | \$ 10.00 |
| 11/9/12 Sec of State-change of registered agent | \$ 5.00 |
| 11/13/12 Mt. Carroll Mirror Democrat | \$ 143.00 |
| 11/13/12 Village Voices-August | \$ 40.00 |
| 11/13/12 Village Voices-October | \$ 40.00 |
| 11/13/12 deluxe check order | \$ 44.66 |

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| | Sub-Total \$ 1,141.47 |
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Balance as of 11/21/12 **\$ 7,817.66**

Balance in projects account **\$ 43.63**

\$ 7,861.29

Mayfest Checking Account **\$10,637.14**

Mayfest Savings Account **\$ 778.40**

MARKETING REPORT

Marketing has been busy promoting Shop Small Saturday (Nov 24th) and our annual Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes. Although we don't have any events now until our Rummage Thru Mount Carroll, we will continue to promote where possible. So if your business has an activity going on, ie, New Year's Party, Dance, Soiree, etc., PLEASE let us know and, if possible (and applicable), we will include it. Be sure to let John at admin@mtcarrollil.org know if your shop hours change or if you have a special promotion going on. It's your responsibility to provide us the information. We want to encourage folks to continue to visit our businesses, shops & restaurants throughout the rest of December and into the New Year. In the meantime, Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years to you and yours from me and mine.

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

Just a minute...

Meeting held at Oakville Country Club on November 1, 2012

Call to order and pledge of Allegiance-Bob Hatheway / Larry DeSpain

Blessing-Bob Hatheway

Treasurer's Reports for October 2012 — Approved

Secretary's Report for October — Approved

Guest Speakers: John Pokropinski on the city/chamber website & Mike Risko and MaryAnn Hutchison on the Mount Carroll Community Foundation

Events:

- First Annual Brick Street Classic Golf Outing (recap)
- October Happenings (recap)
- Christmas Walk and Tour of homes (sign up sheets for house sitters and activities)

Marketing Update: Freeport Journal ads for November and December

New Business:

Annual wreath fluffing

Welcome packages to newcomers

50/50 Winner: Kim Smith \$13.00

December meeting at Charlie's

December 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---------------------------|---|---|---|-----|---|
| <p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p>  <p>Become a fan of Mt. Carroll, Illinois</p> | | | | | | <p>1 Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes</p> <p>Bake Sale-Good Samaritan</p> |
| 2 | 3 | <p>4 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library meeting</p> | 5 | <p>6 Chamber General Membership Meeting 6p at Charlie's</p> | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | <p>11 7:30PM City Council meeting</p> | 12 | <p>13 Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p</p> | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| <p>23</p> <hr/> <p>24</p> | <p>24</p> <hr/> <p>31</p> | <p>25 Christmas</p> | <p>26 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 2012

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

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2012-2013

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| 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 Inn |
| The Driftless Area Stillroom | Savanna Thomson State Bank | Market Street Commons |