

Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

December 2013

Membership: 72

Dear Chamber,

December is fast approaching and the busyness of the holidays will be upon us. This year try to remember what is most important during the holidays, Family. Make time to enjoy your Thanksgiving this year as well as Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with your family.

Shop small business Saturday will be on Saturday November 30th, so remember your local business' and show your support this year before you head out to the big box stores. Remember that your local business' employ local people both full time and part time. It's your local business that is owned by your friends, neighbors, and people you go to church with. It's your local business' that brings you valuable goods and services that make living in Mt. Carroll a great place to live. It's your local business' that knows your friendly faces and can put a name to your face. It's your local business' that can get to know your shopping trends and make sure the selves are stocked with the items you need or want.

Hope to see you at the chamber dinner at the Brick Street Coffee.

Bob Hatheway
Chamber President

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:

Kim Riley-Mount Carroll Township Public Li-
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Vacant

Vacant

Two year Board Members:

John Pokropinski

Vacant

One year Board Members:

Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount
Carroll

Brandt Hutchcraft: Savanna-Thomson State
Bank

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 5, 2013

Market Street Commons

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Cost: \$ 12.00

Menu:

Please RSVP by

**Monday, December 1, 2013
at 5:00PM**

Call 800-244-9594 (Option 1)

Or Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

*If you'd like to participate in the Christmas grab bag, please
bring a \$10.00 gift.*

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank John & Jean Hutchison and all their volunteers for this year's fluffing of the Christmas Wreaths. The town looks wonderful!

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

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| Balance as of October 28, 2013 | \$9,969.91 | |
| | | <u>REVENUE</u> |
| 11/8/13 Ghoulish Gallop Participant | | \$ 15.00 |
| 11/8/13 Redeposit General Membership Cash | | \$ 100.00 |
| 11/8/13 50/50 | | \$ 24.00 |
| 11/8/13 Membership meeting meals | | \$ 216.00 |
| 11/8/13 Halloween Lamp posts | | \$ 200.00 |
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| Sub-Total | | <u>\$ 555.00</u> |
| | | <u>EXPENSE</u> |
| 11/7/13 Mt. Carroll Ministerial Association | | \$ 155.00 |
| 11/7/13 Brick St. Coffee-November Meals w/1 guest | | \$ 228.00 |
| 11/8/13 Mt. Carroll Home Cenger | | \$ 25.00 |
| 11/8/13 Sauk Valley Media-LCN | | \$ 37.80 |
| 11/8/13 WCCI | | \$ 100.00 |
| 11/8/13 Mirror Democrat | | \$ 88.00 |
| 11/8/13 Prairie Advocate | | \$ 100.00 |
| 11/15/13 Keystone Specialties-add'l color fee on ornaments | | \$ 45.00 |
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| Sub-Total | | <u>\$ 778.80</u> |
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| Balance as of November 19, 2013 | \$9,746.11 | |
| Balance in projects account | <u>\$ 43.63</u> | |
| | \$9,789.74 | |
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| Mayfest Checking Account | \$6,009.66 | |
| Mayfest Savings Account | \$ 778.79 | |

Marketing

Greetings,

Welcome new Members and thank you to all of our Members. We can't do any of what we do without your physical and/or financial support. Our Marketing Committee, as well as our Event Chairs, take great care in spending our budgeted money wisely. That being said, we welcome your ideas on how to better promote our community through Chamber. We had such a good time with October Happenings -- thank you to Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Kunes, Jeff Elliott, Bob Hathaway and Terri Timm for all of your help. The October Happenings Committee members are already scheming on plans for Pumpkinfest next year. We welcome not only Chamber but all Mount Carroll organizations to get involved. So spread the word through your Churches and other non-profit organizations. We're all in this together.

Our website administrator, John, is creating a couple of pages JUST for you on our website. First off: Shop Small Saturday (November 30th). IF your business will be open that day and you want to promote a special offering OR simply just mention you're open, PLEASE send that info to John at admin@mtcarrollil.org. Hey, while you're on the website, be sure to check to see if any other updates are needed. When you're open -- when you're not. John is going to create a Christmas Walk page too, so be sure to get that info to him as well.

And speaking of Christmas Walk. It's right around the corner -- December 7th. In addition to our annual Tour of Homes (thank you Penny Lally and Sherry Morel), we will be hosting the Dray Rides, Dickens Strollers (thank you Jeff & Karen Davis), and pictures with Santa (thank you Senior Center and Savanna Thomson Bank). You can also find Story Time with Father Christmas at the Mount Carroll Public Library (thank you Kim Riley). Look for our flier on the website as well as in our local newspapers.

As always, you can find me here:

Laura Miller DeSpain
815-244-1630 or shop@dabluz.com

Just a minute...

Meeting was held at Market Street Commons on November 7, 2013. Twenty members present

Call to order-Bob Hatheway

Pledge of Allegiance & Blessing-Bob Hatheway

Treasurer's Report for October 2013 — Approved

Secretary's Report for October 2013 — Approved

Events:

- October Happenings: Lamp Post decorating winners announced and Ghoulish Gallop was a success! Look for Pumpkin Fest next year.
- Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes plans are coming together. Volunteers still needed...please see Penny Lally
- Next year's car cruises are set. New flyers available from Len Anderson.

Guest speaker: Laura Shelley, RN-FHN on stroke education.

New Business:

Proposed change to chamber constitution discussed.

50/50 winner: John Pokropinski

December meeting location: Market Street Commons

Minutes by Catherine Pokropinski.

We are looking for people interested in chairing events for 2014. If you are just such a person, please contact Laura Miller-DeSpain or Catherine Pokropinski.

Member Name: _____

Best way to contact: _____

I would like to help with (check as many as you want):

MAYFEST _____ Golf Outing _____

Duck Pluck _____ Brick St Sat _____

5k _____ Halloween Parade _____

Christmas Walk _____ Tour of Homes _____

Farmer's Market _____ Marketing _____

Phone Calling _____ Car Cruises _____

Meeting Planning _____

I have an idea:

December 2013

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Murial Anderson concert, sponsored by Friends of the Library. | 2 | 3 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library meet- | 4 | 5 Chamber General Membership 6p at Market Street Commons | 6 | 7 Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes |
| 8 | 9 | 10 7:30PM City Council meeting | 11 | 12 Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve 7:30PM City Council meeting | 25 Christmas Day | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve | <p align="center">Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; 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> | | | |

**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.
 Mail to: Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce, 320 N. Main St., Ste 101, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053**

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"We take the time to care."

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events

2013

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes.....December 7

2014

Rummage Through Mount Carroll.....April 25 & 26

Farmer's Market.....May through October

Mayfest.....May 23-25

Car Cruise.....June 21

Independence Day.....July 4

Car Cruise.....July 19

Car Cruise.....August 23

Brick Street Saturday.....August 30

Car Cruise.....September 27

Pumpkin Fest.....October 25

Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes.....December 6

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2013-2014

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| Jo-Carroll Energy | Highland Community College | Heritage Market |
| Sand Prairie Wireless | Mount Carroll Insurance Agency | Cornerstone Chiropractic |
| Bella's | Ronald Foltz | Shaw's Market |
| John Pokropinski | Marsha Foltz | Carol Ingram |
| Catherine Pokropinski | Sisler Construction | H. B. Wilkinson |
| Diane Bausman | Mount Carroll Café | Area Small Engine |
| Bausman Mowing | Pharmacy Center | The Driftless Area Stillroom |
| Jerry & Sandy Cornelius | Crouse Plumbing and Heating | Barb Brierton |
| Carol Remrey | Sievert's Steak-N-Stuff | Mt. Carroll Township Public Library |
| Tom & Pam Sorg | Elizabeth McMillin | Good Samaritan Society-Mt. Carroll |
| Wylma Colehour | Moring Disposal | Carroll County Mirror Democrat |
| Fawn Ridge Realty, Inc— Jill Bess | Kunes Country Auto | John & Thelma Swiech |
| James Morel | Hotel Glenview | Oakville Country Club |
| Sherry Morel | shops @Glenview | City of Mount Carroll |
| Mount Carroll Home Center | dabluz boutique | Heather Houzenga-Now & Zen Gallery |
| Doty's Collision Center | Peter & Laura Smith | Red Gate Embroidery |
| Carroll County Senior Services | Dairy Queen | Davis Custom Decorators |
| Law Jones Funeral Home | WCCI | Savanna-Thomson State Bank |
| Mount Carroll Township Public Library | Prairie Advocate | Brick Street Coffee |
| Prairie Path Guest House & Sampler | Charles Electronics LLC | Ideas 'n Designs |
| West Point Tree Farm | Schneider House Furniture | |
| THE National Bank | Land Of Oz/ /subway | |
| Consolidated Grain & Barge | Carroll County Historical Society | |
| Timber Lake Playhouse | Nancy Tobin | |
| Country Palmer House Bed and Breakfast | Country Companies/John Bickelhaupt | |
| Northwestern IL Ctr for Independent Living | Mary Ann Hutchison | |

Want to Feel Good???

Then say something positive!

If You Think Mt. Carroll is a GREAT place,
We want to hear from you.

GO TO:

www.Feelgoodmountcarroll.blogspot.com

We want to hear why you think Mount Carroll is such a great place. Just go to our blog and leave your positive comments for others to see. You can also respond to other positive things that have been said about Mount Carroll.

**“Happiness held is the seed,
Happiness shared is the flower.”**
Author Unknown