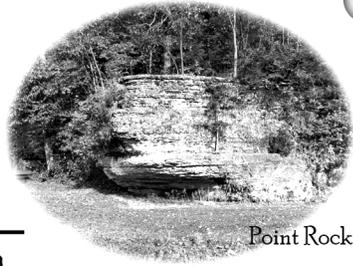


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

December 2016

Membership: 64

Hello everyone

I just turned my back for a second and winter is suddenly upon us. That must mean it is time for our Christmas Tour of Homes and Christmas Walk. Our Chamber committee members have been quite busy putting that all together, and it looks to be another good event. Hope you are able to join in the fun.

And we have already begun to turn our attention to Mayfest 2017. The plan is for it to be at the Campbell Center for at least one more year, and then the committee will be looking at plans to relocate this event, which is the best fund raiser each year for many of our Mount Carroll civic organizations. There are a number of 'transitions' which will be taking place, so stay tuned.

Our annual all general membership meeting/Christmas party is scheduled for Dec 1st. Details later in this letter. Hope to see many of your there.

Larry

Board of Directors

Larry DeSpain-President: Hotel Glenview
Will Mueller-Vice President

Sibyl Doty-Treasurer:  TRIUMPH
COMMUNITY BANK

Catherine Pokropinski-Secretary

Board Members:
Amy Schneider  TRIUMPH
COMMUNITY BANK

Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount
Carroll

John Pokropinski

Diane Bausman: Blackhawk Waterways CVB

Carol Frey: Land of Oz/Subway

Jeff Elliott: Kunes Country

Lydia Hutchcraft, Carroll County Treasurer's
Office

Lisa Lewis

Marketing & Events Coordinator: Laura Miller-
DeSpain-dabluz boutique

Bob Hatheway-Past President Shaw's Market
Place

John Pokropinski-Website Administrator

Andrew Williamson-Ribbon Cutting Liaison

Chamber General Membership Meeting

Annual Christmas Party

December 1, 2016

Location: Henry's Double K

Menu: Ham, yam, mashed potatoes & gravy,
veggies, roll, salad bar and dessert.

Price: \$15.00

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

**Please RSVP no later than
Tuesday, November 29, 2016
at 5:00PM**

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

There will be an ugly Christmas sweater contest
as well as our usual grab bag.

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank
the American Legion for displaying the American Flag on our
city lamp posts this fall.

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.

MT CARROLL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 CHRISTMAS WALK & TOUR OF HOMES
 DEC 2nd 4 PM - 8 PM
 DEC 3rd 9 AM - 5 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

4-8p - Tour of Homes - 7 homes decorated for the holidays. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from 4-7p at Plain Jane's Cottage (407 S Clay St) or Land of Oz where you will also get your booklet & driving directions
4-6p - Complimentary hot chocolate & cookies at Pearl City Banking Center (410 S Clay St)

SATURDAY

8a-3p - Good Samaritan Auxiliary Bake Sale - Mt Carroll Community House (101 Main St)
9a - 2p - Catholic Ladies Society Bake Sale - BSD Printing (110 E Market St)
10-4p - Tour of Homes. 7 homes decorated for the holidays. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Bald Guyz Bistro (320 N Main St) where you will also get your tour booklet & driving direction
10a-4p - Deposit your Children's Letter to Santa in the special North Pole mailbox at Dabluz Boutique (116 E Market St)
10a-noon - Complimentary hot chocolate & cookies at Pearl City Bank Center (410 S Clay St)
10a-3p - Winter Photo Collection by Connie Zink Photography on display at Bald Guyz Bistro 320 N. Main
10a-4p - Winter Wonderland Festival of Trees - Carroll Co. Farm Bureau Naaman Diehl Auditorium. (811 S Clay St)
10a-12p - Holiday cookies, refreshments & Balloon Lady performing for children First Baptist Church (201 N Main St)
10:30a - Storytime & Crafting with Mrs. Claus at Mt Carroll Public Library (208 N Main St)
11a-1p - Pictures with Santa at Carroll Co Senior Center (306 N Main)
11a-1p - Face Painting & Crafting for Kids sponsored by Triumph Community Bank at Carroll Co Senior Center (206 N Main)
1p-3p - Friends of the Library Fund Raiser Christmas Quilt Show with tea & cookies. (208 N. Main)
4-5pm - Live Music & complimentary hot chocolate at Bald Guyz Bistro. And for a touch of nostalgia buy a bag of our specially roasted chestnuts!
5pm - Lighting of the community Christmas Tree in the courtyard square.
There will be many other ongoing activities throughout the day and local businesses will be decked out for the holidays and offering seasonal specials.
For more information go to the *Mt Carroll Christmas Walk* Facebook Page or to our website *mtcarrollil.org*

Unapproved General Membership Meeting Minutes:

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting September 1, 2016 at Henry's Double K. Twenty members were present.

Meeting was called to order by President Larry DeSpain. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Lundquist and the blessing was led by Anna Gray.

Treasurer's reports for June, July and August 2016 were reviewed. Diane Bausman moved to approve, Bev Lundquist seconded, and the reports were approved. The Secretary's report for June 2016 was reviewed. Nan Woodside moved to approve, Jeff Davis seconded and the report was approved.

Events:

Mayfest 2016: Still have two vendors to collect from and discussion for next year's Mayfest will begin in October.

Pumpkin Fest: Gearing up and adding some new activities for the day.

Shop Hops: Will once again be the first and second weekends in November.

Shop Small Saturday: Sponsor American Express has been contacted.

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes: Carol Frey is chairing and will have a meeting right after Labor Day. Goal is to have 4 homes and also the collectible Christmas again. Will also have the annual lighting of the community Christmas tree again.

New Business:

Chamber Vice President election: Will Mueller has agreed to be our Vice President. A motion to have the secretary cast a unanimous vote for Will Mueller as vice president was made by Jeff Elliott and seconded by Michelle Fossett. The motion was approved.

CDC meeting: The CDC is hosting a "Future Forward 5 O'Clock Fling meet and greet social gathering at Henry's Double K on Wednesday, September 21st at 5pm.

September 24th is Kunes Country Customer Appreciation Day.

Larry DeSpain is looking for general membership meeting program ideas.

Mount Carroll sesquicentennial is coming next year. Cindy Pingatore is chairperson.

50/50 winner Carol Frey \$2.50 (donated back)

Meeting adjourned.

Marketing

Happy Thanksgiving greetings! We are a busy Chamber: Shop Small Saturday November 26 and our annual Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes on December 3.

Shop Small Saturday continues to gain a lot of attention, particularly because of A LOT of promotion by American Express. Thanks to their generosity, we received a huge banner for the courtyard, lots of shop small bags (which we distributed to various retailers), some mats, pendants, posters, pens & more. IF you are open on November 26, I hope you garner some of the customers who make it a point to Shop Big by Shopping Small (I love to day that).

Next up is our Annual Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes on December 3. But wait! The committee has added Friday night (December 2) to the mix! Check out the website at <http://www.mtcarrollil.org> for up-to-date info.

Things really calm down for Chamber after the holidays but don't think that doesn't mean plots don't thicken. IF you'd like to be a part of any of our annual events, chat at me and I'll put you in touch with the chair person(s).

Remember: It really does take a village.

See ya at the Christmas Party! I'll be the one in the red and green tutu and green suede boots. You're welcome.

Laura Miller DeSpain

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Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—November 2016

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting November 16, 2016 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Will Mueller, Jeff Elliott, Anna Gray, John Pokropinski, Diane Bausman, Bob Hatheway, Amy Schneider, Carol Frey and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain

November Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Jeff Elliott/2nd-John Pokropinski/Approved

October Secretary's Report Moved to approve -Diane Bausman/2nd-Anna Gray/Approved

Events:

Shop Small Saturday: The package of materials from American Express has arrived. Items are being delivered to chamber businesses and the banner is hanging in the courtyard. Advertising will be gearing up.

Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes: The itinerary is coming together and the committee is looking for a few extra volunteers.

Marketing: Shop Small Saturday and the Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes are the last two events for this year's marketing activities, then we enter a quiet time until next spring.

Newsletter Items: The American Legion for displaying the American Flag on our city lamp posts this fall.

New Business:

Annual fluffing of the wreaths: Laura will check with Julie Cuckler at City Hall.

Further discussion on the chamber address and mail took place. Will is gathering more information.

V.P. Report: There will be a general membership meeting and annual Christmas Party on December 1, 2016 at Henry's Double K.

Menu and price will be provided soon. We will hold the ugliest Christmas sweater contest and have our usual grab bag.

Meeting Adjourned.

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Become a fan of Mount Carroll, Illinois</p> </div> </div>				1 General Member- ship meeting and Christmas Party at Henry's Double K 6pm	2	3 Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes
4	5	6 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Community Cen- ter 6 PM—Friends of the Library	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 7:30PM City Council meeting	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Open Mike night at the Kraft Building 6p-9p	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26	27 7:30PM City Council meeting	28 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

**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**

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce

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"We take the time to care."

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events

2016

Shop Small Saturday.....November 26

Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes.....December 3

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2016-2017

Jo-Carroll Energy	DQ Grill n Chill	Pleasant Valley Construction
Sand Prairie Wireless	WCCI Radio	Highland Community College
Business Employment Skills Team, Inc.	West Point Tree Farm	Int'l Preservation Studies Center
John Pokropinski	Land of Oz	City of Mount Carroll
Catherine Pokropinski	Sieverts Steak-N-Stuff	FHN-Mount Carroll
Doty's Collision Center	Massbach Ridge Winery	HB Wilkinson
Jim & Sherry Morel	Henry's Double K LLC	Molly's Kitchen & Bar
Jerry Cornelius	Beck's Seed Dealer	J3Timing
Sandy Cornelius	Savanna-Thomson State Bank	John & Thelma Swiech
Mary Ann Hutchison	Nancy Woodside	Ray's Garage
Ideas 'n Designs	Country Palmer House B&B	
Carroll County Mirror Democrat	Moring Disposal	
Mount Carroll Mobil	Ron Foltz	
John & Jean Hutchison	Marsha Foltz	
Prairie Path Guest House & Sampler	Crouse Plumbing & Heating Inc.	
Dabluz boutique	YMCA Camp Benson	
Hotel Glenview	Newover LLC	
Triumph Community Bank	Pete & Laura Smith	
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency, Inc.	Shaw's Market Place	
Carol Ingram	321 Read	
Mount Carroll Home Center	Law-Jones Funeral Home	
Consolidated Grain and Barge Co.	CGH Mount Carroll Medical Center	
Plain Jane Vintage Shops LLC	Pat & Diane Bausman	
Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll	Bausman Mowing	
The Inn at Molly's	Red Gate Embroidery	
Bald Guyz Bistro	Schneider House Furniture	
Charles Electronics, LLC	Northwestern Services Inc	