

# Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

July 2013

Membership: 14

Dear Chamber,

Mount Carroll's first Car Cruise in my opinion was a huge success. Success can be measured in many different ways, so when the classic cars showed up and the lack of empty parking stalls became an issue I count that as a success. This past Saturday we had a lot of people walking our streets and driving through our neighborhoods. These people are potential extra sales for our business' or even possible new residents that may move to our beautiful historic town. Mount Carroll continues to shine above the rest and continues to prove to visitors that Mount Carroll is the place to be.

As I am writing this, a small tour bus from Darlington, WI. Has just pulled up and dropped off about a dozen senior citizens that are currently touring our down town. What a compliment to see that because Darlington got its name from the phrase "Darling Little Town", obviously they have heard about Mount Carroll as well and have decided to see for themselves what we have to offer.

Success is not just measured financially but what we do with our time, how we do it and how we treat others in the process. Mount Carroll has always been a town that takes time to care. You can't get that reputation by keeping to ourselves; it comes by getting involved in your community, lending a helping hand when and wherever needed. Keep it up Mount Carroll, the word is getting out that we are Carroll County's best kept secret.

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:  
Kim Riley-Mount Carroll Township Public Library  
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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

Monthly meetings will resume September 5th  
Please watch here for details

### Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Mount Carroll Rotary Club for partnering with the chamber for this year's Mayfest Beer and Wine Tent.

**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.



## Marketing

As we transcend from one Chamber year to another, we find ourselves busy into our active season. More than ever, we need our members to help us continue promoting our coolest small town through marketing and events. Every membership dollar helps, as does every hour of volunteerism. Please take a moment to look at the membership list. Who do you not see on there? Invite them to join. Sometimes it's as simple as being asked. Nancy Tobin, Carol Frey and I will be working on that very thing as we scour past lists and walk the streets. The more the merrier.

We sold Duck Pluck numbers at the Car Cruise in June. We'll be doing that again at the July & August Car Cruises. Please let Carol Frey know if you can help. Beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, we will also be selling numbers at the Pharmacy and Land of Oz. While supplies last, everyone who buys a number gets a metal duckling for their garden or patio. Thank you, Carol & Randy Remrey, for donating the ducks! Everyone's a winner ;)

Although the Market Street Blockfest is not a Chamber event, we were happy to help with some advertising. We appreciate all the hard work Troy (Bella's) and Nino (Charlie's) have done to bring such a big enterprise to our downtown. Their membership dollars helped us help them. See, that's how it works.....

Altho Brick Street Saturday isn't until August 31<sup>st</sup>, it's really just right around the corner. We're changing things up a bit. Looking to get music, artists & crafters downtown. Main Street Art Guild (MSAG) is helping us with some of the coordination. Contact me if you know of an artist or crafter who'd like to set up a tent. Contact Bob Hathaway (Shaw's Market) for food tent set-ups.

We're working on some new ideas for October Happenings. We will not be offering the Historic Cemetery Tour this year. Instead, we are inviting folks to join us in a Halloween 5k Walk/Run. We'll still be decorating the lampposts. Reminder: Any business or organization may decorate a lamppost. You do NOT need to be a downtown business to participate. Thank you Kunes for offering to do the Pumpkin Drag Racing again. We have some more great ideas swimming about. So more later.

But that's enough for now.

See ya soon!

Laura Miller DeSpain  
815-244-1630 or [shop@dabluz.com](mailto:shop@dabluz.com)

## Just a minute...

Meeting held at Oakville Country Club on June 6, 2013

Call to order-Bob Hathaway

Pledge of Allegiance-John Pokropinski

Blessing-Anna Gray

Treasurer's Reports for May 2013 — Approved

Secretary's Report for May 2013 — Approved

Events:

- Mayfest-leftover May Wine on sale at Land of Oz for \$10/bottle
- Car Cruise-pop and bottled water will be sold for \$1 each.
- Blockfest coming June 29th
- Brick Street Saturday coming August 31st

CDC will be speaking on behalf of the city to individual businesses regarding ifiber

New Business:

New Budget approved!

New board members added

50/50 Winner: Kim Riley \$6.00.

September meeting location to be announced

# July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library meet-	3	4  Independence Day	5	6 Farmer's Market
7	8	9  7:30PM City Council meeting	10	11  Open Mike night at Market Street Com- mons 6p-9p	12	13 Farmer's Market
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Farmer's Market  Car Cruise
21	22	23  7:30PM City Council meeting	24	25	26	27 Farmer's Market
28	29	30	31 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	<p><b>Visit the Community Calendar online at <a href="http://www.mtcarrollil.org">www.mtcarrollil.org</a></b></p> <div style="display: flex; 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**



# **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](http://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**