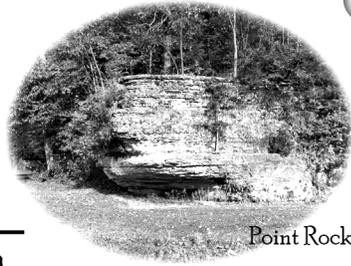


# Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



## Chamber Pot

### March 2011

Membership: 71

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#### From the Prez...

Hello Everybody,

Well we all made it through the Great Blizzard of 2011. Spring is just a few short weeks away. I know that we all are busy, yet this month's meeting is an important one. We need to vote on whether or not to support the county-wide sales tax increase. Please make it a priority to be at this one.

~ Mike Lenz (Chamber President)

### Chamber Meeting

March 3, 2011

At the

Oakville Country Club

Social Time—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting—7:00PM

**Cost: \$10 per person**

(Menu items: Chicken Breast, Potatoes, Vegetables, Roll, Salad and Dessert)

Please RSVP by February 1st at 5:00PM

Call 800-244-9594 (Option 1)

Or Email: [mcchambersecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mcchambersecretary@gmail.com)

### Board of Directors

Mike Lenz—President  
Kallemezoo's

Bob Hatheway—Vice-President  
Shaw's Food Pride

Sibyl Doty—Treasurer  
THE National Bank

Catherine Pokropinski—Secretary

Three year Board Members:

Lou Schau: Epoch Axiom Group, Inc

Carol Frey: Land of Oz

Two year Board Members:

Larry DeSpain: Hotel Glenview

One year Board Members:

Jeff Davis: Davis Custom Decorators

Karen Davis—Events Coordinator

Laura Miller-DeSpain—Interim  
Marketing Coordinator  
dabluz boutique

Laura Miller-DeSpain—Past President  
dabluz boutique

### Just a minute...February 2011

The February General Membership meeting was cancelled due to the biggest blizzard we've had in a long while.

**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.

## February Treasurer's Report

**Balance as of 1/21/11** **\$1,828.37**

	<u>REVENUE</u>
02/16/11 Christmas Ornament Sales	\$ 105.00
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<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>

	<u>EXPENSE</u>
02/18/11 Market Street Commons - rent Jan & Feb	\$ 200.00
02/18/11 Miles Museum X-mas walk donation	\$ 25.00
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<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 225.00</b>

**Balance as of** **\$1,708.37**

**Projects Account** **\$1,943.25**

**\$3,651.62**

### Volunteer Hours Add up to Big Contribution

Did you help serve wine at Mayfest?

Did you fluff wreaths in the basement of city hall last fall? Did you supervise the kids' games during Brick Street Saturday?

If you volunteered to do anything at all during 2010 to help with a Chamber event, then come prepared to the March general membership meeting. I will be asking you to turn in the number of hours you contributed last year in preparation for volunteer appreciation month. Can't get to the meeting? Then, just email me with your hours (please tell me which hours were for which event) at [kadavis40@hotmail.com](mailto:kadavis40@hotmail.com). It is amazing how quickly these hours add up! Thanks for letting me know.

Karen Davis, Events Coordinator

### Volunteers are Magic!

If you donated your time and energy for any of Chamber's events during 2010, you are invited to

- Chamber's Third Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, "Volunteers are Magic!"
  - Thursday evening, April 7, in the beautiful, historic, Kraft Building in downtown Mount Carroll
  - "Magic hour" 6:00 – 6:30pm
  - Cash coffee bar
  - Homemade Chili supper served at 6:30 (vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available)
  - "Volunteers are Magic" presentations at 7:00pm
  - Door prizes
  - Gifts for all attendees.
- Cost: \$5 for guests. **FREE** to our wonderful volunteers

## MARKETING REPORT

The Marketing Committee has been working very hard to stay under our budget, taking into great consideration the fact that our Chamber is suffering financially. The old adage, "It takes money to make money" is true of marketing. IF you build it they will come BUT you have to tell them where it is. As our "high season" approaches and we prepare for seasonal visitors, we will continue to carefully monitor our marketing expenses and coordinate with other groups who are also inviting folks to visit. Our 2011 Calendar of Events is ready to go to press. We welcome your help in distributing our Calendars, as well as where to advertise our events. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 8:00 am at the Mount Carroll Banking Center. Thank you for your support, now go invite a friend to join so we can get some more money!

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

### From your events coordinator...

Chamber's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is coming on April 7 at the Kraft Building. "Volunteers are Magic!" is the theme for this evening of food, fun, and recognitions.

Our volunteers are valuable not only to Chamber but to the community at large. This magical evening is a small token of Chamber's gratitude for all that our volunteers have done in the past year. Anyone who helped with a 2010 event, behind the scenes or out in front, is invited to attend, free of charge! Yes, you read that right. The dinner is *free*. However, during our evening celebrating the generosity of our volunteers, assorted coffees will be available for purchase at the new *Brick Street Coffee*.

Door prizes, goodies, certificates and a delightfully brief program will ensure a good time for all attendees. Don't forget to mark your calendar!

If you have any questions or if you would like to help with the volunteer dinner, please contact me directly at [kadavis40@hotmail.com](mailto:kadavis40@hotmail.com).

# February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building	2  6 PM—Friends of the Library meeting at Library	3  6 PM—Chamber Membership meet- ing at Oakville Country Club	4	5
6	7	8  7:30PM City Council meeting	9  8AM-Chamber Marketing Com- mittee meeting at Mount Carroll Banking Center	10	11	12
13  Daylight Saving Time Begins	14	15  2:00PM Farmer's Market Vendor Meeting-Kraft building	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20  First Day of Spring	21	22  7:30PM City Council meeting	23 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	24	25	26
27	28			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Visit the Community Calendar online at <a href="http://www.mtcarrollil.org">www.mtcarrollil.org</a></b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Become a fan of Mt. Carroll, Illinois</p> </div> </div> </div>		

**Be a member of the Mount 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: Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 94, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053**

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*"We take the time to care."*

## Mount Carroll Chamber Events 2010

Art Show.....	March 13
Rummage Through Mount Carroll.....	April 29 & 30
Mayfest.....	May 26-29
Car Cruise.....	June 18
Car Cruise.....	July 23
Car Cruise.....	August 20
Brick Street Saturday.....	
Car Cruise.....	September 24
October Happenings.....	
Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes.....	

## Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership

dabluz boutique	Oakville Country Club	Charles and Doris Kessler
Hotel Glenview	Timberlake Resort	Jo-Carroll Energy
Ideas N Designs	Highland Community College	MTC Banking Center
Assurance First	Crouse Plumbing and Heating	Learn Great Foods
Newton Mfg Co/Harlan Brunner	City of Mt. Carroll	Timberlake Playhouse
Quality Child Care	Good Samaritan	Paul Tobin
Construction Plus Inc.	THE National Bank	Nancy Tobin
Mt. Carroll Insurance Agency	Mt. Carroll Home Center	Mirror Democrat
Mt. Carroll Mobil	Shaw's Food Pride	Carroll Co Historical Society
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency Inc.	FHN	Tom and Pam Sorg
Catherine Pokropinski	Prairie Path Guest House & Sampler	Riverview Center Inc.
Carroll Co Senior Services	Campbell Center	Diane Bausman
The Epoch Axiom Group, Inc./Lou Schau	Kunes	Kallemezoo
Thomas and Diane Manikowski	Flower Fan-A-See	Heritage Market
Vernon Sales Promotion/Barbara Brierton	Moring Disposal	Norwest Surveying Service
Doty's Collision Center	Sinnissippi Centers Inc.	Country Palmer House B & B
West Point Tree Farm	Herrell Electric	Law Jones Funeral Home
Land Of Oz	Sterling Rock Falls YMCA	Ashford University
Schneider House Furniture	Mt. Carroll Mutual	WCCI
Pharmacy Center	Davis Custom Decorators	Dairy Queen
Lyle and Lois Law	HB Wilkinson	Penny Lally/Driftless Area Stillroom
Savanna-Thomson State Bank	Pleasant Valley Construction	Catwalk Salon (Carrie Prowant)
Area Small Engine-Tom Cravatta	John and Thelma Swiech	Prairie Advocate
Mary Ann Hutchison	Sievert's	