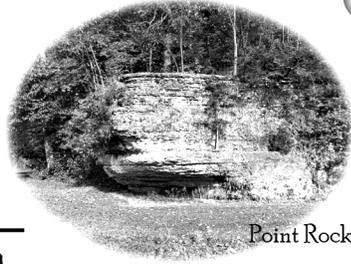


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

March 2015

Membership: 79

Dear Chamber,

March is here and with that I am hoping we are over the hump of winter. Things should start warming up soon. Chamber has been working on Mayfest activities and as long as the weather cooperates we should have another successful Mayfest. We also have "Rummage through Mount Carroll" coming in April which always seems to bring a lot of people to town.

I would also like to send a big THANK YOU to all that participate in the Mount Carroll Mapping. It's exciting to see people step forward when there is a need. It takes the vision and talent of many residents that make a town a great place to live. We look forward to seeing the end result.

Bob Hatheway
Shaw's Market 1614
Mt. Carroll, Illinois
<http://www.shawsmarketplace.com/>
815-541-8627
"The kind of store you want us to be"

Board of Directors

Bob Hatheway-President: Shaw's Market
Larry DeSpain-Vice-President: Hotel Glenview
Sibyl Doty-Treasurer:



Catherine Pokropinski-Secretary

Three year Board Members:

Amy Sack:



Two year Board Members:

One year Board Members:

Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount
Carroll

John Pokropinski

Diane Bausman: Blackhawk Waterways CVB

Carol Frey: Land of Oz/Subway

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

Laura Miller-DeSpain-Past President
dabluz boutique

Nancy Tobin-Telephones

John Pokropinski-Website Administrator

Andrew Williamson-Ribbon Cutting Liaison

Chamber Business After Hours

The Carroll County Senior Center will host
Business After Hours Thursday,
March 5, from 5 - 7 pm.

Tours will be given of the facilities and a Carroll
County Transit bus, and light refreshments will be
served.

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the
Mapping the Future of Your Community steering committee and all the
volunteers who have stepped up to the challenge.

ATTENTION all businesses participating in the chamber bucks program.
Please make certain that your business name is written somewhere on the
chamber buck turned in to Sibyl Doty so she can make the proper reimburse-
ment.

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 January 26, 2015

\$10,241.70

	<u>REVENUE</u>
02/23/15 Ornaments	\$ 110.00
02/23/15 Dues	\$ 296.85
02/23/15 Re-Deposit Cash	\$ 100.00
02/23/15 50/50	\$ 13.00
02/23/15 General Membership MTG Meals	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 669.85

	<u>EXPENSE</u>
02/05/15 Cash-Membership Meeting	\$ 100.00
02/05/15 Land of Oz	\$ 150.00
02/17/15 Market St. Commons-Rent/Jan.-June 2015	\$ 600.00
02/23/15 Sauk Valley Media	<u>\$ 37.80</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 887.80

Balance as of 2/23/15

\$10,023.75

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Mayfest Checking Account

\$ 5,757.00

Mayfest Savings Account

\$ 779.29

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—February 2015

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting February 25, 2015 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Bob Hatheway, Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Sibyl Doty, John Pokropinski, Amy Sack, JoAnn Palmer and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Bob Hatheway

February Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Larry DeSpain/ 2nd-ohn Pokropinski/ Approved

January Secretary's Report: Moved to approve – Laura Miller-DeSpain/ 2nd-Larry DeSpain/ Approved

2015 Events:

Rummage Through Mount Carroll: Laura will send info to Bob Watson. The fee for participating this year is \$5.00 (from \$6.00 last year) and we are hoping for 100 participants. The list of locations and the map will be available on line only this year. The March business after hours and board meeting will have volunteer lists on hand. Land of Oz has agreed to let the Chamber have its garage sale there again this year.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Mapping the Future of Your Community steering committee and all the volunteers who have stepped up to the challenge.

New Business:

2015 meetings and Business After Hours: March business after hours will be at the Carroll County Senior Services Center on Thursday, March 5 from 5p to 7p.

On-line paid advertising: Our website has a section for businesses to have on-line ads posted. We have received a request from Merry Richards Jewelers, Inc. for a six month non-chamber member 6" x 3" ad. Catherine will contact the business with billing information.

JoAnn Palmer received a reminder that it is time to order our 2015 Christmas Ornament. Ivey Monuments has been selected for this year's ornament. Laura Miller-DeSpain moved that we purchase 100 ornaments with Ivey Monuments depicted for the 2015 Christmas Ornament. Larry Miller seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion carried.

Jeff and Karen Kromer, Eina Schroeder and John Swiech are now managing the Market Street Commons and building. Greeting cards are being phased out, Pam Sorg will be staying.

V.P. Report: No report

Meeting Adjourned

Marketing

Think Spring -- Think Rummage Thru Mount Carroll!

Rummage thru Mount Carroll is April 24 & 25. Let's make it a huge event!!! PLEASE, if you are having a sale, sign up so we can make our community a destination. I have a goal of collecting 100 addresses. Possibly a tad aggressive, but this girl can and does dream. Last year, our website admin, John Pokropinski, was able to put dots on an online map using our sign-up sheets. In addition, he created a printable list for our website. We're doing that again. In fact, what we're not going to do is print 500 copies of our map and list for pick-up. Instead, we will invite folks to visit our website to print their own lists. The lists will include the addresses and time of sale. With 100 entries, we can not only advertise in our local newspapers, but we can include surrounding communities, too. And if we can include in all of our promotions that we have 50, 60, 70 or 100 sales, folks will come and just drive around looking for all the signs! They won't need a list! And, of course, we'll market all of this via Facebook through our Chamber of Commerce page, as well as our Rummage Thru Mount Carroll page. You may sign up NOW Friday thru Sunday from 10 to 4 at the dabluz boutique. IF you can't make it in during those hours, give me a call or send me a check for \$5 payable to Chamber. Please include the time of your sale (and whether it's Fri and/or Sat). Include your telephone number so I can call you if questions.

The Land of Oz has graciously allowed us to hold our Chamber sale again this year. We will be looking for volunteers to help put out merchandise and sit at our sale. If you have stuff you'd like to donate, you may drop it off at the Land of Oz beginning Wednesday, April 22, at 7:00 am. PLEASE, no clothing or appliances.

Please spread the word with your friends and neighbors and community organizations.

Laura Miller DeSpain
815-244-4058
shop@dabluz.com

Just A Minute...(unapproved)

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting February 5, 2015 at Land of Oz. Seventeen members were present.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Larry DeSpain. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Pokropinski and the blessing was given by Carol Frey.

Treasurer's reports for December 2014 and January 2015 were reviewed. Laura Miller-DeSpain moved to approve, Jeff Elliott seconded, and the reports were approved. The Secretary's report for December 2014 was reviewed. Anna Gray moved to approve, Buster Stadel seconded and the report was approved.

Events Update:

A list of 2015 events was distributed and discussed. Chair persons for the following are still needed: Brick Street Saturday (September 5), Christmas Walk (December 5)

New Business:

Prairie Path Sampler has announced their Spring has Sprung event for April 10,11, 17 & 18.

New chamber member Roberts' Roost Country Guest House gave a brief description and history of their business.

Anna Gray spoke about the upcoming Mapping our Future starting up in March.

April Business After Hours will be at Roberts' Roost Country Guest House.

50/50 winner John Swiech - \$6.50 (donated back).

Meeting adjourned.

LOU SCHAU MEMORIAL ELEVATOR

A memorial for Lou Schau has been created which will be used for the purchase and installation of an elevator in the Kraft Building also known as Market Street Commons in Mount Carroll, Illinois. Lou will be remembered for his dedicated service to the Community of Mount Carroll and his tireless efforts in the restoration of the fire damaged Kraft Building. His goal was to complete restoration of the second floor and install an elevator in order to have the second floor handicapped accessible. The Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation is dedicated to make Lou's goals a reality with a plaque in his memory on the front of the elevator upon its completion.

For those of us that knew Lou, and for those who knew of him and his dedication to our community we would like to offer this opportunity to help us keep his memory alive through this memorial.

Tax deductible donations may be sent and made out to the City of Mount Carroll and noted on the check "Economic Development in memory of Lou Schau". Donations also may be sent directly to the Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation, 320 N. Main St., Mount Carroll, IL. 61053 and again noted "Economic Development in memory of Lou Schau". Funds sent directly to The Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation are not tax deductible.

Meeting & Business After Hour Schedule for 2014

March 5 Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm
Carroll County Senior Services

The Cat's Meow collectibles
are now being sold for
\$10.00 each!
Get yours now
while supplies last.

March 2015

pSun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library	4	5 Chamber Business After Hours Senior Center 5p-7	6	7
8	9	10 7:30PM City Council meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St, Patrick's Day	18 Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p	19	20	21
22	23	24 7:30PM City Council meeting	25 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	26	27	28
29	30	31	<p>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 Mount 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**

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

2015

Rummage Through Mount Carroll.....April 24 & 25
Farmer's Market.....May 2 through October 24
Mayfest.....May 22-24
Car Cruise.....June 20
Car Cruise.....July 18
Car Cruise.....August 15
Brick Street Saturday.....September 5
Car Cruise.....September 19
Pumpkin Fest.....October 24
Christmas Walk.....December 5

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2014-2015

Jo-Carroll Energy	Nancy Tobin	Doty's Collision Center
Sand Prairie Wireless	Charles Electronics, LLC	Imaginarium Now & Zen Gallery
YMCA Camp Benson	Law-Jones Funeral Home	Carrie Prowant – Thirty – One
John Pokropinski	West Point Tree Farm	Ashford University
Catherine Pokropinski	John & Thelma Swiech	Carroll County Mirror Democrat
Diane Bausman	Mount Carroll Mobil	Carpenter's Corner
Bausman Mowing	Wylma Colehour	Crouse Plumbing & Heating
Jerry & Sandy Cornelius	Ron Foltz	Elizabeth McMillan
Pleasant Valley Construction	Marsha Foltz	Mount Carroll Bowling Center
Hotel Glenview	John Hutchison	Sisler Construction
dabluz boutique	Jean Hutchison	Dairy Queen
Land of Oz/Subway	Tom & Pam Sorg	WCCI
James Morel	Prairie Path Guest House	Pete and Laura Smith
Sherry Morel	Schneider House Furniture	City of Mount Carroll
Mount Carroll Home Center	Kunes Country Auto Group	Moring Disposal
Mary Ann Hutchison	Red Gate Embroidery	Mount Carroll Banking Center
Carroll County Senior Services	Davis Custom Decorators	Oakville Country Club
Shaw's Marketplace	John Bickelhaupt Insurance Agency	Mike & Deanna Doty
Carol Ingram	Highland Community College	Heritage Market
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency Inc.	Timberlake Playhouse	Molly's Kitchen and Bar
Ideas 'n Designs	FHN-Freeport Health Network	Driftless Area Stillroom
Triumph Community Bank	Mount Carroll Insurance Agency	Mount Carroll Pharmacy Center
Consolidated Grain & Barge	Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll	Prairie Advocate
Henry's Double K	Dr. David Purlee	Massbach Ridge Winery
Herrell Electric	Sievert's Steaks-N-Stuff	Roberts' Roost Country Guest House
Mount Carroll Township Public Library	Country Palmer House B&B	
Campbell Center for Historic Preservation	Mount Carroll Cafe	