

# Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



## Chamber Pot

### May 2013

### Membership: 78

Dear Chamber,

Finally! Spring is here and your Chamber has a lot of activities planned that need not only your support but your participation is vital to the success of every event. I would like to personally and corporately welcome Elizabeth McMillan to the Mayfest committee. Your enthusiasm and willingness to volunteer your time is very much appreciated. We as a Chamber are always looking for fresh ideas and help in the organization/implementation phases of these events. Mt. Carroll is one of the best kept secrets in Carroll County and I feel the same way about our residents. Mt. Carroll has a lot of undiscovered talents and strengths living within the county. Please get involved with your community and help shape your future. As I'm writing this, the city of Mt. Carroll is busy with traffic, parking is limited, and someone is wandering the streets taking pictures of our downtown area, I guess the secret is getting out. This weekend Chamber is sponsoring Rummage through Mt. Carroll. Next on the agenda is Mayfest coming up the end of May, our Farmers Market will be opening soon in the Historic downtown square. Our famous car cruises are not far behind which always brings a lot of people to town. Bella's and Charlie's are working on a Market Street Block Fest (June 2013) which will be a great addition to our events, and the list goes on and on. So stay tuned and get involved with Mt. Carroll. Be a Part of the Best Kept Secret in Carroll County!!!

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:  
Vacant  
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Two year Board Members:  
Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount  
Carroll  
Brandt Hutchcraft: Savanna-Thomson State  
Bank  
Vacant  
One year Board Members:  
Carol Frey: Land of Oz / Subway  
Nancy Tobin  
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

May 2, 2013

Timber Lake Resort

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Cost: \$ 12.00

Menu: Pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, Italian pasta salad, vegetable tray,  
slice of cheese cake and water or iced tea.

**Please RSVP by**

**Monday, April 30th**

**at 5:00PM**

Call 800-244-9594 (Option 1)

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

## Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Laura Miller-DeSpain for another successful Rummage Through Mount Carroll and for co-managing the 2013 Farmer's Market.

**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.

## April Treasurer's Report

**Balance as of March 25, 2013**                      **\$5,342.26**

	<u>REVENUE</u>
4/5/13 50/50	\$ 8.00
4/5/13 Redeposit Cash-meeting	\$ 125.00
4/5/13 Meals	<u>\$ 192.00</u>
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 325.00</b>

	<u>EXPENSE</u>
John Pokropinski-batteries for candidates 4/4/13 night	\$ 6.88
4/4/13 dabluz-chamber bucks	\$ 5.00
4/4/13 cash-membership meeting	\$ 125.00
4/4/13 Brick Street Coffee-meals/April	\$ 204.00
4/8/13 Market St. Commons-Rent	\$ 200.00
4/17/13 Mirror Democrat	\$ 27.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 567.88</b>

<b>Balance as of</b>	<b>\$5,099.38</b>
<b>Balance of Project Account</b>	<u><b>\$ 43.63</b></u>
	<b>\$5,143.01</b>
 <b>Mayfest Checking Account</b>	 \$6,329.89
<b>Mayfest Savings Account</b>	\$ 778.50

**Just a minute...**

Meeting held at Market Street Commons on April 4, 2013

Call to order and Blessing-Bob Hatheway

Pledge of Allegiance-Larry DeSpain

Treasurer's Reports for March 2013 — Approved

Secretary's Report for March 2013 — Approved

Events:

- Rummage Through Mount Carroll and Chamber Garage Sale—volunteers needed
- Mayfest-volunteers needed
- Farmer's Market starting May 4
- Car Cruise-new flyers available

CDC Update: Looking for new board members; and visit the new CDC Shoppe.

New Business:

June 6th block party hosted by Bella's and Charlie's

Relay for Life June 22nd

Guest Speaker: Kim Riley Smith, Library Director

50/50 Winner: Paul Tobin \$4.00.

May meeting at Timber Lake Resort

## Chamber General Membership Annual Meeting

June 6, 2013

To Be Announced  
Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Cost: \$ 12.00

Menu: To Be Announced

**Please RSVP by  
Monday, June 3rd  
at 5:00PM**

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*Budget approval and Board Members*

**Marketing**

Our busy season is upon us. Kicking off is our Rummage thru Mount Carroll, which will have already happened by the time you read this. We held our first rummage sale (fundraiser). Thank you to Land of Oz for letting us host it at your place, and thank you to all the volunteers who helped pull everything together.

Mayfest is next (Memorial Day weekend-just in case you're new to all of this). The Mayfest Committee is in full gear. Shout outs were posted on facebook, and the committee snagged a new volunteer. Welcome Elizabeth McMillan. And thank you to all the committee members, past and present, who help make this a fantastic festival. Ads are being created by the Mirror Democrat (thank you), and have already started to be placed. First in Lake Carroll News (May's edition) and the spring/summer edition of The Trail. As a reminder, Mayfest has its own budget for marketing. This does not come out of our general marketing budget.

Speaking of budgets, we have spent over \$3000 so far. And although we asked and were granted to spend \$5000, our general budget isn't looking like we'll get to. Another reason we desperately need more members. PLEASE ask your friends to join. Family memberships are only \$25, and business memberships are only \$75. And although we are finishing our year, IF folks can afford it, we'd love them to join even this late. Every single dollar really does make a difference and helps us promote, promote, promote.

Speaking of promotions, we've gained a few new "likes" on our facebook page. IF you are a facebook user, PLEASE "like" us and "share" us on your page. Facebook is free, and we get a lot of interest through our posts. All of our events are listed on our facebook page, too.

And speaking of events, Troy & Nino (Bella's and Charlie's) are working on a new event: Market Street Block Fest. I don't know any details other than Saturday, June 29th, and it's going to be fun, fun, fun! (They've promised that and this girl knows they'll keep that promise.)

At our meeting on May 2nd, we will have sign-up sheets for Mayfest and the car cruises, so bring your calendars and help where you can.

Because it really does take a village. See ya soon!

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

# May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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>			1	2  Chamber General Membership Meeting 6p at Timber Lake Resort	3  R Country Memories Barn Sale	4 Farmer's Market  R Country Memories Barn Sale
5	6	7 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library meeting	8	9  Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p	10	11 Farmer's Market
12 Mother's Day	13	14  7:30PM City Council meeting	15	16	17	18 Farmer's Market  Antique Auto Club Car Meet
19	20	21	22	23	24 Mayfest	25 Farmer's Market  Mayfest
26 Mayfest	27 Memorial Day	28  7:30PM City Council meeting	29 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	30	31	

**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

Farmer's Market.....May through October  
Mayfest 2013.....May 24, 25 & 26  
Market Street Block Fest.....June 29  
Cruise Nights.....June 22  
Cruise Nights.....July 20  
Cruise Nights.....August 17  
Cruise Nights.....September 21  
Brick Street Saturday.....August 31  
October Happenings.....October 26  
Shop Hop.....November 1&2, 8 & 9  
Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes.....December 7

## Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2012-2013

Jo-Carroll Energy	Charlie's	Schneider House Furniture
Sand Prairie Wireless	John & Thelma Swiech	Moring Disposal Inc
Consolidated Grain And Barge	Kunes Country Auto Group	Dr. David Purlee
John Pokropinski	Ideas 'N Designs	Good Samaritan Society-Mt. Carroll
Catherine Pokropinski	Sisler Construction Inc	City of Mount Carroll
dabluz boutique	Land of Oz	Sievert's Steak 'N Stuff
Shops @ Glenview	Assurance First Title & Escrow Co, Inc	Red Gate Embroidery
Hotel Glenview	Area Small Engine	Davis Custom Decorating
Carroll County Auto Parts	Shaw's Market	WCCI
ChuckCo's Tire & Service LLC	First Baptist Church	Dairy Queen
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency Inc.	Highland Community College	Country Palmer House B & B
Ron Foltz	Catwalk Salon	Diane Bausman
Marsha Foltz	Pleasant Valley Construction	Mt. Carroll Township Public Library
Mt. Carroll Home Center	Massbach Ridge Winery	Crouse Plumbing & Heating
Mary Ann Hutchison	THE National Bank	Plein Air Studio
Construction Plus Inc.	Cornerstone Chiropractic	Carroll County Mirror Democrat
Prairie Path Guest House & Sampler	Herrell Electric	Newton Manufacturing
Quality Child Care—Gloria Davis	West Point Tree Farm	Nancy Tobin
Mt. Carroll Pharmacy Center	Tom & Pam Sorg	Paul Tobin
Frank-Law Jones Funeral Home	County Financial (John Bickelhaupt)	Oakville Country Club
Charles & Doris Kessler	Ashford University	Campbell Center
Timber Lake Playhouse	Mount Carroll Café	Carroll County Historical Society
Doty's Collision Center	Mt. Carroll Insurance Agency	Prairie Advocate
Carroll County Senior Services	H. B. Wilkinson Title Co, Inc	Raven's Grin Inn
The Driftless Area Stillroom	Savanna Thomson State Bank	Market Street Commons
Fawn Ridge Realty, Inc— Jill Bess	Heritage Market	Northwestern IL Ctr for Independent Living

# **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**