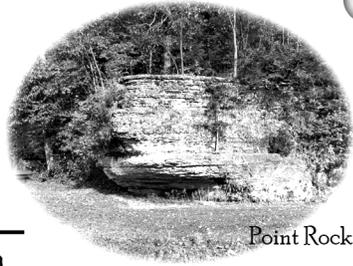


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

November 2015

Membership: 71

Hi everyone

We just finished 'Pumpkin Fest', which went well in spite of unfriendly weather. Many people were involved in making it happen, so 'thanks' to all of them, and especially thanks to Diane Bausman who led the way. Tell her thanks when you see her.

Next up is Shop Small Saturday, which is keeping Laura busy.

And then it is the Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes. Both of these efforts are being led by Carol Frey.

Please give either Laura or Carol a call if you are able to help in any way.

Our Christmas general membership meeting is Dec 3rd.... be thinking of a White Elephant gift to bring and an Ugly Xmas Sweater to wear.

Hope to see you there.

It takes a village.
Larry

Board of Directors

Larry DeSpain-President: Hotel Glenview

Sibyl Doty-Treasurer:



Catherine Pokropinski-
Secretary

Board Members:

Amy Sack:



Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount
Carroll

John Pokropinski

Diane Bausman: Blackhawk Waterways CVB

Carol Frey: Land of Oz/Subway

Connie Zink: Roberts' Roost Country Guest
House

Jeff Elliott: Kunes Country

Lydia Hutchcraft

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

Bob Hatheway-Past President Shaw's Market
Place

Nancy Tobin-Telephones

John Pokropinski-Website Administrator

Andrew Williamson-Ribbon Cutting Liaison

Chamber General Membership Meeting

December 3, 2015

This will be our annual Christmas Party. We will have a White Elephant gift exchange and an Ugly Christmas Sweater contest

Location: To be announced

Menu:

Price:

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

**Please RSVP no later than
Monday, November 30, 2015
at 5:00PM**

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Kunes Country Auto for donating the pumpkins and for sponsoring this year's Pumpkinfest. Congratulations to the Pumpkinfest committee for all the work they put in to the success of the fest. A special thanks also goes to the Boy Scouts for their help at the Pumpkin slingshot held at the burning grounds.

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 reimbursement.

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.

October Treasurer's Report

Balance as of September 30, 2015 \$ 9,830.13

REVENUE

10/06/15 Redeposit Duck Pluck Cash	\$ 100.00
10/06/15 Dues	\$ 150.00
10/06/15 Duck Pluck Sales	\$ 310.00
10/13/15 Dues	\$ 100.00
10/19/15 Farmer's Market	\$ 10.00
10/26/15 Wine Garden Check from Rotary	\$ 1,434.87
10/28/15 Lamp Posts	\$ 230.00
10/28/15 Pumpkin Fest Vendors	\$ 30.00
	<u>\$ 2,364.87</u>

EXPENSE

10/02/15 dabluz-chamber bucks	\$ 15.00
10/02/15 Mirror Democrat	\$ 156.00
10/06/15 Mt. Carroll Fire Department	\$ 100.00
10/13/15 Sauk Valley Media	\$ 37.80
10/13/15 Carroll County Review	\$ 24.00
10/26/15 Secretary of State Annual Report	\$ 10.00
	<u>\$ 342.80</u>
SubTotal	\$ 342.80

Balance as of October 29, 2015 \$11,852.20

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Mayfest Checking Account \$1,979.56

Mayfest Savings Account \$779.59

Marketing

As we head into our third quarter of the year, we are especially busy. Pumpkin Fest kicked off Holiday Shop Hop (first two weekends in November), which precedes Shop Small Saturday (November 28) and finishes with A Mount Carroll Collectible Christmas (December 5).

Thank you, Diane Bausman, for chairing Pumpkin Fest. I know she had lots of help, so thank you to all the helpers too.

IF you'd like to see the list of shops for the Holiday Shop Hop, visit our website at www.mtcarrollil.org. Mount Carroll enjoys a lot of visitors from our surrounding communities during the Shop Hop.

I am the Chairperson for Shop Small Saturday. Two big boxes of "stuff" arrived from American Express. My "team" so far consists of me and MJ (the Home Center). We welcome more help. We are asking businesses to spend \$25 to participate. This will include them in all of our promotions, as well as a grand Chamber Buck drawing for their customers. IF your business will be open on November 28 AND you'd like to be included, you need to call me at 815-244-4058 or stop by the shop between Thursday and Sunday. I have a form to fill out. We originally thought we would limit it to 20 businesses BUT we've decided the more the merrier. Let's do this!!! Let's get as many as we can give away A LOT of Chamber Bucks!!! I've already gathered 10 folks via Facebook. IF I find the time, I'll do some soliciting. That could be a big IF.

Carol Frey has graciously volunteered to be our Collectible Christmas Chairperson. She already has started with meetings AND has gathered a few good folk to help. BUT she's gonna need more help. So please keep watching your emails for notes from Catherine. IF you know you can help or would like to be on Carol's "team", please call her at 815-275-3039.

Marketing will do what it can to promote these events. We need you to do what you can too. IF you're on FB, share share share. And then share some more.

As always, chat at me if I can be of service. And thank YOU as always and in all ways. It really does take a village.

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

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—September 2015

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting October 28, 2015 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Laura Miller-DeSpain, Connie Zink, John Pokropinski, Anna Gray, Amy Sack, Carol Frey, Bob Hatheway, Lydia Hutchcraft, and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain

October Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-John Pokropinski/ 2nd-Amy Sack/ Approved

September Secretary's Report: Moved to approve – Diane Bausman/ 2nd-Connie Zink/ Approved

Events:

Pumpkinfest: Wrap up meeting is next week. A few things need to be discussed such as a need to add a few more activities that are pumpkin fest related to avoid long intervals between activities. There were 32 entrants in the drag race and next year's Pumpkinfest will be on October 22, 2016.

Shop Small Saturday: November 28. Laura has received the package and will be working on the details for the businesses that will participate. Ads for the day will be in the usual media (newspaper, newsletter, facebook, radio).

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes: A planning meeting took place to discuss details for the Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes. The them \$7.00. Businesses and community residents are encouraged to embrace the collectible theme if they wish to participate. Other activities will include pictures with Santa, story time with Father Christmas at the Library, The First Baptist Church will welcome visitors with cookies and the Farm Bureau is sponsoring a festival of trees. Connie Zink will have a display of her photography at the Market Street Commons

Marketing: Ads for Pumpkinfest via Facebook, flyers, radio and some local newspapers were run.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? Kunes Country Auto for donating the pumpkins and for sponsoring this year's Pumpkinfest. Congratulations to the Pumpkinfest committee for all the work they put in to the success of the fest. A special thanks also goes to the Boy Scouts for their help at the Pumpkin slingshot held at the burning grounds.

New Business:

Kunes Country Auto is having their ribbon cutting and business after hours this week (Thursday, October 29)

The next Chamber board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18.

The December general membership meeting will be the annual Christmas party as well. We will have a white elephant gift exchange and an ugly Christmas sweater contest.

There is another Bureau of Prisons event coming soon. A planning meeting is going to be held on November 6. There will be a charge of \$40 for table space.

Larry has received communication from Wayne Brooks (sec'y for Mount Carroll Rotary) regarding Mayfest. The international rotary has notified the Mount Carroll group that insurance does not apply if the local rotary partners with any other group. The rotary will still work with Chamber for the success of Mayfest, but they will run the beer and wine tent.

V.P. Report: There will be a general membership meeting on December 3 location to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned.

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Community Cen- ter 6 PM—Friends of	4	5	6 Shop Hop	7 Shop Hop Indoor Farmer's Market at dabluz
8	9	10 7:30PM City Council meeting	11 Verteran's Day	12	13 Shop Hop	14 Shop Hop Indoor Farmer's Market at dabluz
15		17	18 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p	19	20	21
22	23	24 7:30PM City Council meeting	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28 Shop Small Saturday Indoor Farmer's Market at dabluz
29	30	<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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Mount Carroll, IL 61053

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“We take the time to care.”

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events

2015

Shop Hop.....November 6 & 7
Shop Hop.....November 13 & 14
Shop Small Saturday.....November 28
Christmas Walk/Tour of Homes.....December 5
Rummage Through Mount Carroll 2016.....April 22 & 23

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2014-2015

Jo-Carroll Energy	Sisler Construction Inc	Bausman Mowing
Sand Prairie Wireless	Tom and Pam Sorg	Carroll County Transit
Business Employment Skills Team, Inc.	West Point Tree Farm	Prairie Path Guest House
John Pokropinski	Land of Oz	Ron Foltz
Catherine Pokropinski	Crouse Plumbing & Heating Inc	Marsha Foltz
Mount Carroll Township Public Library	Massbach Ridge Winery	Carroll County Mirror Democrat
Jim Morel	Henry's Double K LLC	Bridgepoint Education
Sherry Morel	Imaginarium Now & Zen Gallery	Midwest Technical Institute
Jerry & Sandy Cornelius	Roberts' Roost Country Guest House	CGH Medical Center
Mary Ann Hutchison	Davis Custom Decorators	MTC CGH Medical Center
Ideas 'n Designs	Red Gate Embroidery	Peter & Laura Smith
Law- Jones Funeral Homes, Inc.	Bridgepoint Education	Herrell Electric
Mount Carroll Mobil	Mount Carroll Insurance Agency	Triumph Community Bank
John & Jean Hutchison	Highland Community College	Nancy Tobin
Schneider House Furniture	Sieverts Steak-N-Stuff	Lydia Hutchcraft
dabluz	DQ Grill n Chill	Ray's Garage
Hotel Glenview	WCCI Radio	H.B. Wilkinson Title Company Inc.
Bella Vintaj	Savanna Thomson State Bank	
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency, Inc.	John and Thelma Swiech	
Carol Ingram	Pleasant Valley Construction	
Mount Carroll Home Center	City of Mount Carroll	
Consolidated Grain and Barge Co.	Country Palmer House B&B	
Shaw's Market Place	Moring Disposal, Inc.	
Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll	Charles Electronics, LLC	
David Purlee, DDS	John Bickelhaupt Insurance Agency	
Campbell Center for Historic Preservation	Mount Carroll Café	
Carroll County Senior Services Organization	Pat & Diane Bausman	