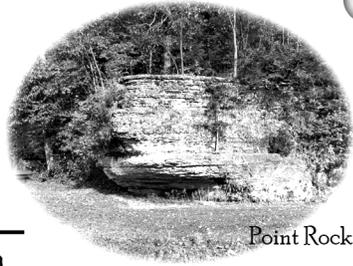


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Point Rock

Chamber Pot

October 2012

Membership: 70

Hello Chamber,

Fall is here! Fall always brings much to do, like raking leaves, putting away patio furniture, getting your garage ready for winter. The Mount Carroll Chamber is no different, we have lamp posts to decorate, October Happenings will be here very soon and the Christmas walk is following closely behind. We still need someone to organize the Halloween Parade and we will need many volunteers to help out with the cemetery tours. If you have never volunteered for the Cemetery tours you have been missing out on the fun and snacks that Pete and Laura Smith bring around throughout the night. (Yum)... If you haven't heard about Chambers first Golf Outing then please look for our ad in the local Mirror Democrat and Prairie Advocate to get all the details... All proceeds go right back into YOUR Chamber so your Chamber can continue promote Mount Carroll and all its hidden treasures.

Word of mouth is are cheapest and best advertising, so talk up Mount Carroll and let's help visitors discover Mount Carroll.

Thanks, 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

November 1, 2012

Oakville Country Club

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting—7:00PM

Cost: \$12.00

Menu: To be announced

Please RSVP by

Monday, October 29th at 5:00PM

Call 800-244-9594 (Option 1)

Or Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Guest Speaker: John Pokropinski about the city/chamber website

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Laura Miller DeSpain for all the advertising on Facebook and promoting Mount Carroll.

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.

September Treasurer's Report

Balance as of August 31, 2012 **\$ 7,504.84**

	REVENUE
9/4/12 Redposit Cash-Brick St. Saturday	\$ 150.00
9/4/12 Rootbeer Floats-Brick St. Saturday	\$ 67.00
9/6/12 Dues	\$ 75.00
9/6/12 City of MTC/website portion-2012-2013	\$ 600.00
9/7/12 BSS-Booths	\$ 245.00
9/7/12 Red Gate Embroidery-donation for BSS	\$ 50.00
9/7/12 Dues	\$ 125.00
9/7/12 Redeposit Cash-Membership meeting	\$ 100.00
9/7/12 General Membership meeting meals	\$ 180.00
9/7/12 50/50	\$ 8.00
9/7/12 Duck Pluck-Brick St. Saturday	\$ 245.00
9/13/12 Chamber Bucks purchased/Mayfest	\$ 300.00
9/17/12 Interest- July and August	\$ 0.34
9/18/12 City of Mt. Carroll -purchased Chamber Bucks	\$ 50.00
Sub-Total	\$ 2,195.34

	EXPENSES
9/7/12 Cash Membership Meal	\$ 100.00
9/7/12 Oakville Country Club/membership meal	\$ 200.00
9/11/12 Journal Standard-BSS	\$ 150.00
9/11/12 Journal Standard-The Trail	\$ 189.00
9/11/12 Prairie Advocate-BSS	\$240.00
9/11/12 Shaw's-Chamber Bucks	\$ 40.00
9/13/12 Mirror Democrat-BSS/Duck Pluck	\$ 198.00
9/20/12 Sibyl Doty-colored paper for chamber bucks	\$ 29.82
9/24/12 Catherine Pokropinski/Secretary-July-Sept.	\$ 300.00
9/24/12 John Pokropinski/Website-July - Sept	\$ 300.00
9/24/12 Sibyl Doty/Treasurer- July-Sept	\$ 300.00
Sub-Total	\$ 2,046.82

Balance as of	\$ 7,653.36
Balance in projects account	\$ 43.63
	\$ 7,696.99

Mayfest Checking Account	\$11,036.26
Mayfest Savings Account	\$ 778.30

HALLOWEEN LAMPOST CONTEST

It's time to start thinking about decorating the lampposts downtown for Octoberfest aka Halloween Happenings. Beginning September 15th, you may pick up your lamppost application at the shops @ Glenview at 116 E. Market St. The entry fee is still only \$10 (checks made payable to Chamber). Poles must be paid for when reserved. Lampposts can begin to be decorated on October 1st and should be by October 12th. All posts must be UNdecorated by November 6th. The earlier you decorate the more chances of winning!!!

This contest is NOT just for downtown business – it's not even just for businesses! IF your church, civic, social group wants to enter, OR if you just like decorating for Halloween, please join in the fun. Wouldn't it be great if we could get all the lampposts decorated!

We now give away four \$50 prizes (Chamber Bucks): three for favorite posts and one for voting. We not only allow but we encourage shameless promotion. Be sure to include a voting box/bucket in your business – we'll give you the entries when you sign up. You MUST drop off your entries at the shops @ Glenview by November 1st cause that's when we tally. We will also be collecting votes during our Historic Cemetery Tour and at our Welcome Center at the Market Street Commons.

IF you have any questions, let me or Sibyl know.

Me aka Laura Miller DeSpain
815-244-4058 or 815-244-1630

Sibyl
815-273-2288

See ya soon!

MARKETING REPORT

The Marketing Committee is grateful to the Mirror Democrat, Prairie Advocate and WCCI for not only their membership dollars but also their help in preparing wonderful advertising for our events. Currently, we are working on some ideas for promotion which include our "Have you been to Mount Carroll lately?" slogan. We realize that business happens every day – not just during events. In the shops, we continue to hear from visitors that they had no idea our downtown had so much going on! Marketing recognizes not only the value of downtown, but all of Mount Carroll, and we will continue to brainstorm ways to get folks to visit. IF you have ideas for us, please share!

We are not meeting regularly but are available by email or telephone. See you or hear from you soon! We're all in this together!!!

Laura Miller DeSpain
815-244-4058 or 815-244-1630

Just a minute...

Meeting held at Oakville Country Club
Call to order and pledge of Allegiance-Bob Hatheway
Blessing-Anna Gray
Treasurer's Reports for June, July & August 2012-Approved
Secretary's Report for June-Approved
Guest Speaker: Mayor Carl Bates

Events:

- Final car cruise: September 22
- Golf fundraiser: October 6
- October Nights
- Christmas Walk and Tour of homes

CDC Update: Lou Schau reported on building renovation, Waka-rusa river walk, CDC website, new memorial benches and the Stone House

New Business:

- Cash raffle winners for June, July and August
(Kris Plattenberger, Reed Hutchcraft and Joey Lenz)
- 50/50 Winner: John Pokropinski \$8.00

PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEBSITE LISTING

I would like to encourage all of you to take a few moments and browse the Chamber Web Site Business Listings. The url is <http://www.mtcarrollil.org>. Look for your own business and check the accuracy of your information. If you have changes or additions, such as adding: pictures, menus, pricelists, links to your web site, email address, hours of operation, or simply more descriptive text, please feel free to send me email at: admin@mtcarrollil.org. If you notice any establishments listed that are no longer in business, please let me know so they can be removed. As always, send items for the calendar or other content that can be posted to help the local business interests of Mount Carroll.

Thanks much,
John P.
Webmaster

October 2012

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 Chamber General Membership Meet- ing 6p at Oakville	5	6 8 AM-12 PM Farmer's Market 1st Annual Brick Street Classic
7	8 Columbus Day	9 7:30 PM City Council meeting	10	11 Open Mike night at Market Street Com- mons 6p-9p	12	13 8 AM-12 PM Farmer's Market
14	15	16	17	18 3rd Thursday Art Walk	19	20 8 AM-12 PM Farmer's Market
21	22	23 7:30 PM City Council meeting	24 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	25	26	27 8 AM-12 PM Farmer's Market Cemetery Tour Bowling Center- Halloween Party
28	29	30	31 Halloween Halloween Pa- rade	<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</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, P.O. Box 94, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce

320 N. Main Street, Suite 101
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053

Phone: 800-244-9594

E-mail: info@mtcarrollil.org

Web site: www.mtcarrollil.org

"We take the time to care."

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events 2012

Farmers Market.....May through October

1st Annual Brick Street Classic.....October 6

October Happenings.....October

Lamppost Decorating.....All month

Cemetery Tour.....October 27

Halloween Parade.....October 31

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes.....December 1

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	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	
Carroll County Senior Services	H. B. Wilkinson Title Co, Inc	
The Driftless Area Stillroom	Savanna Thomson State Bank	