

Chesaning Area Historical Society & Museum

602 W Broad St

December 2019 Newsletter

MONTHLY MEETING.

MONDAY November 11 — 6:30 p.m.

Was cancelled due to EARLY WINTER STORM
BUT

Phil Hathaway

Expert on the Shiawassee River Water Trail

Will be back in the Spring to be our speaker

OUR CHRISTMAS POTLUCK WILL BE HELD

At the Fair Grounds in Santa's Village

MONDAY December 9th at 1p.m.

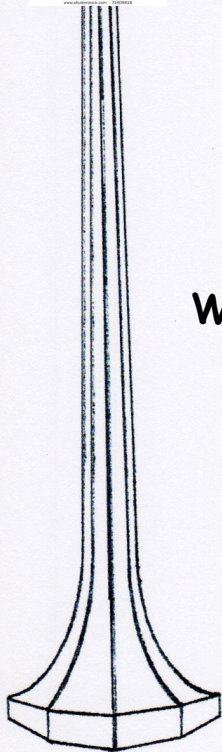
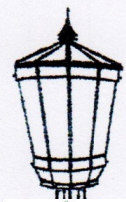
We have decided to meet earlier this year so it is not
yet dark when we are coming & going

REMEMBER

- Bring a passing dish & your table service
- Also a \$5 gift for Exchange for man or woman

NO CANDLES Please

- Beverages will be provided



The Story Behind the CHRISTMAS GOOSE

Though it's a prized turkey that Scrooge sends an urchin to buy at the end of *A Christmas Carol*, goose was the original centerpiece on the Cratchit's menu.

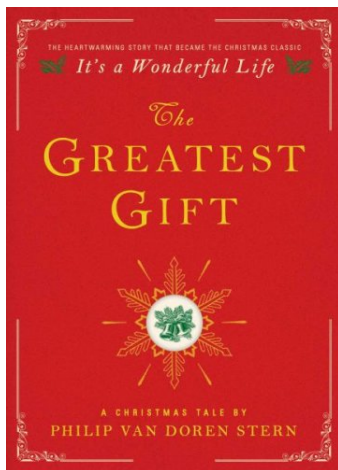
As shown to Scrooge by the Ghost of Christmas Present: "There never was such a goose...Its tenderness and flavor, size and cheapness were the themes of universal admiration."

The modern day American family will sit down to a meal of turkey, ham or beef this Christmas, but goose remains the traditional Christmas meat of choice for many and was long before Dickens wrote of its succulence.

For the American settlers, turkey took the goose's place because that's what happened to be living on their land here in their new home.

Ever wonder where the saying "Your GOOSE is COOKED" came from?

The Greatest Gift by Philip Van Doren Stern



For almost 70 years, people the world over have fallen in love with Frank Capra's classic Christmas movie *It's a Wonderful Life*.

But few of those fans know that Capra's film was based on a short

story by author Philip Van Doren Stern, which came to Stern in a dream one night.

Unable at first to find a publisher for his evocative tale about a man named George Pratt who ponders leaving this world until he receives an opportunity to see what the world would be like without him.

Stern ultimately published the story in a small pamphlet and sent it out as his 1943 Christmas card.

One of those 200 cards found its way into the hands of Frank Capra, who shared it with Jimmy Stewart, and the film that resulted became the holiday tradition we cherish today.

**Remember every time you hear a bell ring — It means an angel gets their wings...

October 22, 2019 Board
Meeting Minutes

Old Business

- The decorated cake from Franks served at the 35th Anniversary has been frozen & we will defrost & use this for our November 11 monthly meeting when Phil Hathaway - Speaks on The River Trail from Holly to Chesaning.
- Connie wants to plant Pink Petunias & Pink Geraniums next year - all agree this would look very nice in the front of our Museum.

New Business

- Connie Harris contacted Greta: would we like old dolls & doll bed made by Chesaning's Earl Harris
- Connie suggest we keep old drawing & pictures for prizes to be won at our annual picnic
- Keep papers on 2001 Disaster in NY. Fran & Nancy vote YES
- The Christmas Potluck will be planned again this year to remain the same as last few years, meeting at Santa's Village & keeping gift cost to \$5. We will bring passing dish & our own table service.

*Wishing each & every
one of you a very special
*** Christmas Season ***
Hoping to see everyone
At Our
Christmas Potluck*

*Bless YOU
Every ONE*

The Newsletter will be
back in April 2020
-When we will have
our Annual Pot Luck &
Election of Officers
Monday April 13th
@ the Lion's Club

Take Care during the
winter — See ALL of you
back here at the museum
for our monthly meetings
next year
WOW 2020

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**Chesaning Area Historical Society & Museum
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**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Work sessions 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

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