

Christmas 1999 Castleton W. I.

Two weeks before Christmas and at Shirley's house,
we gather together for turkey and mousse.

Our Institute Ladies so lively and quick
I thought for a moment, this must be a trick.
But no, each one here is so kind and so dear
And treat me as friend though recently moved here.
To name just a few, our President Shirley
Does a wonderful job, she must arise early.
Our past president Mary, busy with ^{the} twins
We may only see her as to the Homestead she spins.
First Vice-President Beth keeps us on track
Nothing escaped her and that is a fact -
We'd not function long without her, so many
offices she fills, and when she is needed
she uses her skills.

Joyce finds time to be Secretary and 2nd Vice President
Plus other duties, she's our true and faithful resident.
Margaret as Treasurer uses her talents
To recall us and tell us we must keep our balance.
See, our Branch Director, Curator and more
Fills needs that would put most of us on the floor.
Myrtle, Ruth, Elaine and Doreen do what they can
Finding it hard to come up with a plan.
Doreen keeps us up to date with culture and art
We need her to help us not to depart
From things fine and beautiful like music and art.
We love to see Doreen when she has a chance
To leave hairdressing and gals who sing & dance.
Not to leave out Lois, Verna, Mary Rosann &
more - right jolly friends, too and anyone

here I don't know - we need you.

As I sit here so full of turkey and stuff
(I wish I could stop when I've had enough.)
Christmas blessings and cheer to each of us
Here as together we look forward to
another good year.

Doreen Deacon