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# RES IPSA...

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## HOLIDAY PARTY

This year's SNESL Holiday Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, December 16th. The party will be held at the King Philip Restaurant at 400 Metacom Ave. (Rt. 136) in Bristol, Rhode Island. The festivities will begin at 6p.m. and last until midnight. Dinner will be a choice of Prime rib or shrimp and tickets are \$20.00 per person. Make your plans now for an evening of fun & relaxation. Tickets can be purchased through your SBA Rep. and will go on sale Saturday, December 8th.

## FOOD DRIVE

The SBA is sponsoring a holiday food drive for needy families and individuals in the New Bedford community. Your canned goods or donations towards this effort should be submitted to your SBA class Representative no later than Saturday, December 8th. This is a good way to remember those less fortunate members of the community during the holiday season. Every contribution counts.

## Weather Cancellations

Did you know that the first snowfall for this part of the country normally occurs in Mid December? Be prepared by having your car's anti-freeze checked now. In the event that it is necessary to cancel classes because of severe weather an announcement will be made on the following radio stations:

WBSM 1490      WBZ 103

WSAR 1450      WPRO 630

*Editors: Robert Pike • Janet Pike*

## New Editor Joins Res Ipsa

by Karen Augeri Benson

This issue marks the beginning of a new era for the SBA Newsletter. Janet and Robert Pike have done an excellent job and will be a hard act to follow. They have guided Res Ipsa since its inception to provide a much needed forum for communication to the staff and students. With this as the primary goal the newsletter will strive to maintain the quality established by the founding editors.

As your new editor I look forward to the task at hand with experience and enthusiasm. Initially, I intend to continue with the traditional format developed by the past editors. My newsletter writing experience of more than five years in private industry is a good background, yet I welcome suggestions, contributions, and articles. If anyone is interested in co-editing or writing, even on an ad hoc basis, please contact me directly or leave a message in the SBA box located in the Administration office.

By way of personal data; I am a first year student with a special interest in Admiralty and Environmental Law. I live in Newport, Rhode Island, (the most beautiful city in New England) and graduated from Roger Williams College with a degree in Legal and Political studies.

In one respect is with some trepidation that I embark on this new responsibility. A new editor needs input. What do you, the individuals who comprise the SNESL community, want to see in this newsletter? Do you think that Res Ipsa can or should be the precursor to a full blown Law Journal? Should we include letters to the editor? How about new law book reviews or summaries of recent appellate decisions from Massachusetts and Rhode Island that are relevant to our course material? As the deadline for my first issue approaches (simultaneously with exams) I'll close by reiterating the need for regular contributions and dialog about the future content.

## Co-op Play group

Many students/parents have indicated that they are experiencing difficulty in arranging care for their children on Saturdays. It has been suggested that some sort of cooperative child care center be established to assist these parents. This plan is currently in the proposal stage only and has not been discussed with the administration or formally considered before the SBA. Some suggested guidelines may be:

- full-time play group supervisor on duty from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday
- minimal charge of \$1.00/hr. per child to cover the cost of supervision
- only toilet trained children
- the child's parent must be in the building while the child is in the play group.

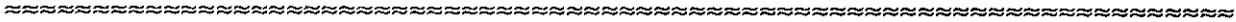
A questionnaire is being distributed in an attempt to discover if the desire and/or need for such a program for children of students exists. Please contact your SBA representative or Danuta Jurczyk for more information.

SBA - MEETING NOTES

The next SBA meeting is scheduled for December 8th.

Recent meeting agendas have included; finalizing the Student directory, purchasing SNESL sweatshirts and establishing a regular speakers bureau to bring in lecturers and guest speakers.

Through the efforts of the SBA and the generous contributions of many students, staff and faculty the family of Holly Carvalho has received over \$1,000. 00 which we understand will be placed in trust for her children. SNESL has also forgiven Holly's tuition which means that all of the funds raised can be used at the family's discretion.



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