

# THE OLIVE BRANCH

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## IN THE SPIRIT OF ZUMBA

With entry donations going to a local food bank, a campus organization hosted a Zumba class with a twist Monday night.

More than 40 students danced to Christmas music at the L.A. Pittenger Student Center. Christmas Zumba was sponsored by the Social Justice League.

"We were thinking of an activity," said former Social Justice League President Gunnar Ingolfsson. "We wanted it to be active and to be interesting because it's popular. So we ended up with Zumba because it is healthy and also it is fun and then they are also giving to charity as well."

Ingolfsson said the Social Justice League has never done an event like this before, and they were hoping for maybe 30 students to show up. Now, the club is hoping to host more activities next semester, said Ingolfsson. Students filled the room almost completely full, swiveling to a mix of Zumba music and Christmas music, trying to keep up for an hour with the instructor, Brianna Walker. The music echoed through the whole student center, making the entire building echo to the beat.

To get into the event, students either had to pay \$2 or bring a non-perishable food item, with proceeds going toward the Muncie Mission.

Through the event, they raised about \$20 and collected 40 cans, said Ingolfsson.

"We chose this because the week before I saw an article in the Daily News that the Muncie Mission was in need of donations," Ingolfsson said. "Hopefully [student's will have] some sort of awareness of things that are going on and the need."

Junior social work major Briana Walker offered to teach the Zumba lesson for the cause and for fun.

"I get an adrenaline rush, and it's good for me and I know it's good for them so I'm helping them ...," Walker said. (cont. on next page)



*Photo Courtesy of Corey Ohlenkamp  
Kris Hardin, a sophomore hospitality major, tries to keep up with the Zumba instructor as the group works out to a fast paced Christmas-themed routine.*

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### **Happy Holidays!**

The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies wishes you a happy and peaceful holiday season.



## IN THE SPIRIT OF ZUMBA (CONT.)

Walker started attending Zumba classes her freshman year of college, and on April 6, she became an official Zumba instructor. Since then, Walker has taught at a Baptist church and then at a Total Fitness in Africa.

"I had lots of energy to burn, and [Zumba] was a great way to do it," Walker said. "I was [in Africa] this semester, but I left early. It was pretty awesome. The people aren't as energetic as they are here. I had to modify everything for them there but here everyone's like, 'Yeah! Let's do this!'"

Sophomore hospitality and food management major Meghan Short was one of those enthusiastic dancers.

"It was fun. I love Zumba!" Short said. "It was about the same as the other classes. I liked the Christmas twist; that was cute."

It is people like Short, who enjoy Walker's classes, who make Walker so passionate about Zumba, she said.

"Zumba is my life," Walker said. "I want to teach it everywhere."

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS— ON CAMPUS

### Wednesday, December 7

- *BeadforLife Sale Sponsored by the Social Justice League*  
12:00-2:00PM in the Student Center Tally. For more information, email [SJL@bsu.edu](mailto:SJL@bsu.edu) or visit <http://www.beadforlife.org>.

### Thursday, December 8

- *BeadforLife Sale Sponsored by the Social Justice League*  
10:00-1:00PM in the Student Center Tally. For more information, email [SJL@bsu.edu](mailto:SJL@bsu.edu) or visit <http://www.beadforlife.org>.

### Friday, December 9

- *BeadforLife Sale Sponsored by the Social Justice League*  
10:00-2:00PM in the Student Center Tally. For more information, email [SJL@bsu.edu](mailto:SJL@bsu.edu) or visit <http://www.beadforlife.org>.

### Wednesday, December 14

- *WGS 210 Creative Presentations*  
10-11:30 am Student Center, Cardinal Hall A (2nd floor)  
Please join my Women's and Gender Studies class for the presentation of our creative projects. You are welcome to drop in any time during the event to meet with presenters and discuss their research. Topics include gender roles in the media, chivalry, wrestling, lesbian parenting, female terrorists, gender in the classroom, males in the nursing profession, women and ordination, female circumcision and much more.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS— OFF CAMPUS

### Wednesday, December 7

- [Indianapolis] Bread for the World (downtown) will hold its monthly lunch meeting at 11:30 am at Downtown Bazbeaux Pizza, 334 Mass. Ave. For more info, email Dave Miner at [dminer145@aol.com](mailto:dminer145@aol.com)

### Friday, December 9

- [Indianapolis] The weekly vigil protesting warfare will take place, 4:30-5:30 pm, in front of the Federal Building, North and Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Indianapolis Peace and Justice Center. Bring an appropriate sign or have one provided. For more info, phone Gilbert Kuhn at 926-3068 or email Ron Haldeman at [ronjane@igc.org](mailto:ronjane@igc.org)
- [Indianapolis] A fund-raising Dinner, Silent Auction and Music to benefit Healing Friend's Micro Finance projects of Raising Chickens and Vegetable Gardening for HIV/AIDS orphans in Zimbabwe will take place at 6 pm (dinner at 7 pm) at Indiana Interchurch Center, 1100 W. 42, sponsored by Central Indiana Community Foundation and Center for Interfaith Cooperation (Cost: \$15/person or \$25/couple). To reserve a ticket, visit [healingfriends.org](http://healingfriends.org) For more info, contact Charlie Wiles at 318-5304 or [charlie@centerforinterfaithcooperation.org](mailto:charlie@centerforinterfaithcooperation.org) or Scholasticah Chidemo at 997-2194 or [schi@healingfriends.org](mailto:schi@healingfriends.org)

### Saturday, December 10

- [Indianapolis] An Indiana Global Water Summit will take place, 11-3, at Christian Theological Seminary, 1000 W. 42, addressing a situation in which a billion people lack safe water, more than 7,000 children die each day because of that lack, and half of all hospital beds around the world are filled with victims of water-borne diseases (free lunch included). For more info, visit [provocate.org](http://provocate.org)
- [Nashville] There will be a Peace Vigil on the theme "War Is Not The Answer!" at 6 pm at Brown County Courthouse, Main and Van Buren Streets sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Brown County branch). For more info, contact Tom Hougham at 878-4210 or [annntom@hotmail.com](mailto:annntom@hotmail.com)

### Sunday, December 11

- [Indianapolis] Indianapolis Chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will meet, 2-4 pm, in W125 (West Entrance 4) of Broadway United Methodist Church, 609 E. 29. A presentation will follow confidential sharing time. For more info, email Annette Gross at [Schwester26@comcast.net](mailto:Schwester26@comcast.net)
- [Indianapolis] Dignity Indianapolis, a Catholic GLBT and friends group, will hold its monthly Mass and pitch-in meal at 6 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Illinois and W. 46. For more information, visit [dignityindy.com](http://dignityindy.com) or email Marvin Wagner at [rita\\_marvin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rita_marvin@sbcglobal.net)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ON CAMPUS

December 17-January 8— Break, No Classes

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