

# 2008-2009 Academic Year

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### Monthly Happy Hours

We continue the monthly Happy Hours at [O'Bryan's Nine Irish Brothers](#) on the Levee. The low-key gathering is slated for the 3rd(ish) Friday of every month from 5-7pm. Look for us at the large table in the second room.

**Mark your calendars for the following dates:**

23 January  
20 February  
27 March  
24 April

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### Nrityagram Dance Ensemble

We have a block of tickets reserved for this Purdue Convocations event at the special rate of \$21/ticket; [click here](#) for the order form. You can start happy at the pub and finish the evening with some music and dancing!

More info [here](#).

**When:**

Friday, 27 March 2009  
8:00 pm

**Where:**

Loeb Playhouse

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### Faculty Bowling

We have balls and we know how to use them! Join PYFA for its first activity of the spring semester: bowling at the [Rack and Roll](#) in the Purdue Union. Bring \$1.75 for shoe rental or dig your own out from the back of the closet.

**When:**

Saturday, 17 January 2009  
3:00 - 5:00 pm

**Where:**

Rack and Roll  
Purdue Union

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### Martin Luther King Day of Service

We're starting the year out right with the [Martin Luther King Day of Service](#) here in our own community, organized by the Purdue Boilermaker Volunteer Network. We're looking for 20 faculty members to volunteer at Food Finders, a local food pantry, to sort and organize food for a few hours on Monday, 19 January. The day begins at 9:00 am with breakfast, followed by organized transportation to the location. We work our sorting and organizational magic from 10:00-12:00 at Food Finders before returning to campus for a free lunch from 12:30-2:00.

If you are interested in volunteering with PYFA for the Food Finders event, please email Sharon ([srw@purdue.edu](mailto:srw@purdue.edu)) ASAP with your name, campus address and PUID. Because the event (and transportation) is organized by Purdue, you must hold a faculty/staff/student position with a PUID to participate.

**When:**

Monday, 19 January 2009  
breakfast: 9am  
volunteering: 10am-12pm  
lunch: 12:30-2:30pm

**Where:**

Food Finders  
Lafayette

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**Dickens of a Christmas**

PYFA's December event aims to add a little Christmas cheer to the end of the semester. Join us in downtown Lafayette for the 11th annual [Dickens of a Christmas](#) - with kids, spouses, partners, friends or visiting in-laws in tow.

We'll start with a noon lunch at [Lafayette Brewing Company](#), an informal, family-friendly restaurant in the middle of downtown. The lunch menu includes appetizers, salads, wraps, sandwiches and burgers (plus a kids' menu) - plenty of hearty food to combat the cold weather.

After lunch, grab a buddy to explore local shops, take in the festive scene and perhaps do a little Christmas shopping. There will be live performances by choirs and entertainers, roving carolers, a holiday Farmers' Market, skating sessions at Riverside Rink (dare you!), artisans in costume demonstrating their craft, carriage rides (kids love 'em), and Dickens and Victorian street characters to complete the atmosphere.

**When:**

Saturday, 6 December 2008  
12:00 - 6:00 pm

**Where:**

1st: Lafayette Brewing Company  
622 Main Street  
2nd: downtown Lafayette

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**Monthly Happy Hour**

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**Mark your calendars for the following dates:**

19 September 2008  
17 October 2008  
21 November 2008

A favorite hangout of many faculty and staff, [Nine Irish Brothers](#) has good food, good drinks, an inviting atmosphere and a great owner. Stop by and say hi to Jerry and his wife!

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**Downtown Merchant Holiday Open House & Farmers' Market Holiday Mini-Market**

Stores are opening their doors and showing off for the holidays now that November has arrived. Vendors from the Lafayette Farmers' Market are also selling an assortment of interesting wares on 5th Street between

Main and Columbia. While this isn't an official PYFA event, we encourage you to make an effort to explore the downtown area and check out what Lafayette has to offer.

**When:**

Friday and Saturday, 7-8 Nov

Open House: 10am-5pm Friday and 10am-9pm Saturday

Mini-Market: 8am-noon Saturday

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**Tour of Terror**

The [Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette](#) is offering its Tour of Terror this Halloween season - and we encourage you to go! While we won't schedule an official PYFA tour, we think this is a great reminder that there are scarier things than ungraded papers and unanalyzed data. Basic info follows; more details are found at the Theatre's website.

**What:**

a walking tour of downtown Lafayette's haunted spots  
tickets are \$10-\$13

**When:**

Friday 17, 24 & 31 Oct and Saturday 18, 25 Oct & 1 Nov  
on the hour from 7:00-11:00

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**Gallery Walk**

The Gallery Walk starts at [The Knickerbocker](#), one of Indiana's oldest bars, with a wide selection of drinks and a light snack menu. Following refreshment, stroll up Main Street for the Gallery Walk. The stores are open from 6-10, many displaying works by local artists and offering refreshments as you browse.

**When:**

Friday, 12 September 2008

5:30 pm - 10 pm

**Where:**

1st: The Knickerbocker

113 N. 5th Street

2nd: Main Street shops

Lafayette

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**Welcome (back) to Purdue!**

Before the fall semester starts, join new friends and old for a casual get-together at PYFA's first event of the year. Food and drink will be provided until the money runs out.

**When:**

Saturday, 23 August 2008

4:00 - 7:00 pm

**Where:**

The Vault

205 North 2nd Street

Lafayette

The same night, the city of Lafayette hosts the Uptown Jazz and Blues Fest which includes three stages of live music, food and drinks. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 the day of the event. Check it out after some fun at The Vault. More details here: <http://www.jazz-blues.org/splash.html>