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#### Digital Issue

April 2010

### Spring has finally sprung in Chester County!

We have so many exciting things happening this spring! The chorus is in the midst of rehearsals for our spring show, ***Let's Play Among the Stars***. We are hosting our first Beef & Beer to raise money for our student scholarship fund. We are so proud to be participating once again in Relay for Life to benefit The American Cancer Society.

As we do every year, the 49ers performs its spring concerts in a classic road show tradition. We'll be at several retirement communities throughout the area, as well as offering some public performances. ***Our first public performance is set for May 16th at Thorndale United Methodist Church.*** [Please check our full schedule for details.](#)

Every year, the chorus presents cash scholarships to three West Chester high school seniors who have demonstrated musical excellence in their high school music programs and wish to further their music education in college. For the first time since the inception of this program, we are holding a fundraiser for this cause. Our desire is to build the scholarship program so that we can increase the award amounts and eventually be able to offer them to more than just three deserving students. ***Please join us in supporting music education and excellence on May 8th for the Beef & Beer.*** (Details below.) It's a great cause and is sure to be even more fun than our Sing-n-Swing was!

The chorus has a long history of service to the Chester County community and we are so pleased to be participating once again in Relay for Life! Being held the weekend of May 22nd at Downingtown West High School, the chorus is not only providing a relay team, but we are also proud to be singing at the event on ***Saturday (5/22) at 8:30pm***. We are raising funds throughout the month to meet our goal of \$5,000. ***On May 1st, we'll be holding a Yard & Bake Sale***

**at *Downingtown United Methodist Church*.** (Details below.) All proceeds from this event will go to The American Cancer Society. Please consider donating to our team via the sale, direct contributions to one of our chorus members, or [through our team webpage!](#)

As you might imagine, with all of these things going on the activity level is frenetic! If you think you'd like to be a part of this vital group, please consider [applying for membership and auditioning!](#)

We can't wait to see you all out and about!

## SPRING SHOW 2010

### Let's Play Among The Stars



Platonic scientists, Orion and Cassiopeia, are sent to Earth to study a strange but intriguing human phenomenon called "love." Could it be they find the unusual Earthling rituals and behaviors to be closer to home than they expected?

Our spring show is a blend of song and story, taken on tour in the classic Hope & Crosby Road Show tradition! Enjoy favorite songs, such as: *Fly Me To The Moon*, *Circle Of Life*, *Let's Call The Whole Thing Off*, and *The Shoop Shoop Song*. See our full [spring show performance schedule here](#).

## BEEF & BEER

1st Annual

### Beef & Beer

Music Scholarship Fundraiser

Saturday, May 8th

7pm-11pm

Fame Fire Company

The Silsby Room

- Raffles!
- Door Prizes!
- DJ & Dancing!
- Food, Fun, & Drink!

Tickets are \$25/person and include all the beef, beer, sides, and desserts you can eat!

[Purchase tickets online](#), from any chorus member, or by calling 610.430.3463! For more information and directions,

[click here!](#)

## RELAY FOR LIFE

The 49ers Chorus is thrilled to be participating in the **2010 Relay For Life of Central Chester County** event, sponsored by **The American Cancer Society**, over the weekend of **May 22-23** at Downingtown West High School. We are honored to have been invited to perform at the opening ceremony, as well!



Like singing in a chorus, fighting cancer is a team effort. The impact we can make together is much greater than what any of us could do alone. At the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, our team will camp out overnight and take turns walking around the track to raise money and awareness to help the American Cancer Society save more lives from cancer.

Over the years, the 49ers has lost several of its members to this disease and we walk in memory of them. We are also blessed to have a number of cancer survivors sing with us and we celebrate them, too!

Please come to our **Yard & Bake Sale on May 1st** at [Downingtown United Methodist Church](#) to make a donation or join our team and help us create a world where cancer can no longer claim another year of anyone's life.

To find out more about our team and ways you can help us meet our goal of \$5,000, please visit our team page at the Relay for Life website: [49ers Chorus Relay For Life Team Page](#)

**Celebrate . Remember . Fight Back**

## FALL AUDITIONS

Each semester, the 49ers Chorus is open to new members! If you enjoy being a part of a fun group of creative people who love to sing, please consider joining us.

Auditions for fall are scheduled for the evening of **Tuesday, August 17th** in West Chester with our first practice slated for August 29th.



Our membership application and details about audition requirements may be found [here](#)...

**Join us in keeping community music alive!**

## OUR MISSION

We're excited to share with you our newly adopted mission statement, which shall guide us in our future endeavors:

***To entertain our community, pursue musical excellence, and encourage a dynamic and thriving membership.***

The Forty Niners Chorus is a community group made up of approximately 50 men and women from Chester County, Pennsylvania and surrounding areas. The chorus presents two major shows each year, performing 15-18 concerts for over 6000 people. We perform a variety of music including Broadway tunes, pop, standards, spirituals, and Americana. While we emphasize our singing, we add fun and spice to our performances with original storylines, costumes, and choreography! For more information, please visit our website at [www.49ersChorus.org](http://www.49ersChorus.org)

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