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Forty Niners bring music to Central Chester County Relay for Life

The power of song to inspire and lift the spirit—that's what The Forty Niners Chorus members are committed to bringing the Chester County community. The Chorus will do just that on Saturday, May 22, at 8:30 p.m., singing as part of the 2010 Central Chester County Relay for Life two-day event at Downingtown West High School.

The Chorus has been touched by cancer in many ways, so the opportunity to take part in the event has special meaning for the group. Eight members of the chorus lost their battles with the disease: Carol Eckel, Cam Hitchcock, Marilyn Lefevre, Ralph Matlack, Barbara Nickey, Harry Sandstedt, Charlotte Trego, and Mel VerSteeg.

In addition, many members have family or friends who have faced the disease. Some examples include Kelly Lyman, who's walking with her family to celebrate the victory of her father, father-in-law, and both grandfathers—all of whom are cancer survivors. Peggy Pastino will be remembering her first husband, Bob Bean, who lost his battle against thyroid cancer.

Along with their vocal chords, Chorus members are also using their feet for the cause, fielding a 14-member walking team. Whether it's walking on the track or singing on the outdoor stage, The Forty Niners Chorus is honored to participate in the 2010 Central Chester County Relay for Life.

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The Forty Niners Chorus is an all-volunteer community group made up of approximately 50 men and women from Chester County and surrounding areas. In existence since 1952, their performances raise money every year to provide cash awards for local high school graduates planning to major in music in college. Its mission is to keep community music alive by encouraging young musicians to develop their talents and give back to their communities through groups like The Forty Niners Chorus.

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