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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 20, 2008

**HARLEYSVILLE GROUP INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**0-14697**  
(Commission File Number)

**51-0241172**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**355 Maple Avenue, Harleysville, PA 19438-2297**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(215) 256-5000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4c)
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**ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.**

The Harleysville Group, Inc. ("the Company") board of directors has authorized a new share repurchase program pursuant to which the Company may repurchase up to an additional 1.5 million shares of its outstanding common stock. The Company may make purchases in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. The Company will repurchase shares from Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company ("Harleysville Mutual"), which owns approximately 52% of the Company's common stock, and from the public float in amounts that are proportional to the respective ownership of Harleysville Mutual and the public float on the authorization date. All purchases will be at fair market value on the date of purchase. The Company's board of directors also authorized the Company to enter into a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan, which permits the Company to delegate authority to repurchase shares on the Company's behalf when it would not otherwise be in the market due to self-imposed trading blackout periods or possible possession of nonpublic information. The share repurchase program will remain in place for a maximum term of two years.

A copy of the press release announcing the share repurchase program is provided as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibits

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Description</u>                |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 99.1          | Press Release issued May 20, 2008 |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**HARLEYSVILLE GROUP INC.**  
**Registrant**

Date: May 20, 2008

By: /s/Robert A. Kauffman  
Robert A. Kauffman  
Senior Vice President,  
Secretary, General Counsel &  
Chief Governance Officer