

To the Editor:

There's a saying that if something walks like a duck and swims like a duck and quacks like a duck, then it must be a duck. In the borough of Raritan, if you see a rather large duck walking and quacking, it must be Council President Don Tozzi raising funds to combat cancer.

On Sunday, September 28, Councilman Tozzi and Councilwoman Denise Carra joined with hundreds of residents and friends to watch the third annual Raritan Rubber Duck Race on the Raritan River. The winning ducks crossed the finish line in roughly 15 minutes but the real winners were the hundreds of patients who find treatment for cancer every week at the Steeplechase Cancer Center at RWJ Somerset.

Thanks to the extraordinary compassion, commitment and tireless efforts of Mr. Tozzi and Ms. Carra, this year's race raised more than \$28,000! The Steeplechase Cancer Center is the grateful recipient of more than \$21,000 while another \$7,000 is being donated to the Raritan Borough Fire Company Hose Relief 2 for their on-going support of this wonderful event.

Since starting the Raritan Rubber Duck Race three years ago, nearly \$50,000 has been raised to battle cancer in our community through the leadership of Tozzi and Carra and with the overwhelming support of the residents of Raritan Borough and beyond. Each year, these funds are invested back into our community through the multitude of healthcare services provided by RWJ Somerset and the Steeplechase Cancer Center.

When two Raritan Borough Council volunteers and more than 4,000 ducks get together, healing and hope can be delivered in abundance to the residents of our community.

On behalf of the patients and families who come to RWJ Somerset and the Steeplechase Cancer Center each day, we thank all who participated in this year's event.

Sincerely,

Paul Huegel
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