

## Larry Palant, District Governor, 2022-2023



Larry began his Rotary career when he joined the Suffern, NY Rotary Club in 2002. He was club president in 2008-2009 and has been the Membership Chair since 2010 along with club Foundation Chair since 2009. Prior to becoming a Rotarian, Larry was the founding vice-president of the Lower Hudson Challenger Learning Center in Airmont (Suffern) New York. Challenger Centers were created as space science learning centers in memory of the Challenger Space Shuttle crew. He is also a member of The Village of Suffern Community Foundation and his synagogue's social action committee.

He has served as his District's Disaster Relief Chair from 2005 through 2017 and orchestrated, through

a relay to four New Orleans area Rotary Clubs, a delivery of generators, batteries, fuel cans and tarpaulins immediately following hurricane Katrina in 2005. A similar collection of generators was purchased and delivered to a central location in District 7490 to be distributed following hurricane Sandy.

In January 0f 2006, Larry became a ShelterBox Ambassador and has raised more than \$240,000 for ShelterBox including \$70,000 from District 7210 clubs after the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

He has served as District Membership Chair in addition to being an Assistant Governor. His is a TRF Major Donor and a Paul Harris Society member.

Larry and his wife Mona are proud parents to Mona's twin adult children and Larry's daughter who has been in the United States Air Force for the last 12 years.

He has also seen every episode of Seinfeld at least 3 times.