Valarie K. Wafer, Rotary International Vice President 2021-22 & Director 2020-22 and 2025-26 Grants Chair of the Rotary Foundation's Polio Fund

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Valarie has continued to serve Rotary in a number of international roles. She is an International Trainer, a member of the Host Organizing Rotary International Convention Committee Toronto 2018, a representative of the Rotary International President, and a member of the Rotary International Board for 2020-2022 and Vice-President in 2021-22. Valarie is currently the Chair of Rotary International's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force charged with shaping a comprehensive action plan with achievable, measurable, and meaningful outcomes for Rotary that sets the standard for valuing and living the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

During Valarie's tenure as a Rotarian she has participated and led many initiatives including a recent mission to Kosovo with Gift of Life International. She has also served as the Vocational Training Team leader to Australia in 2010 focusing on youth mental health, a National Immunization Day in India in 2012, and has travelled to Kenya and Tanzania to audit long-term Rotary Foundation grant activity.

In her non-Rotary life, Valarie had a 27-year career as a restaurant owner in Toronto. The brand, Tim Hortons, is the most recognized and iconic franchise in Canada. The Wafer's operation was best known for its inclusive hiring practices and accessibility, especially in the area of employment.

Valarie, and her husband, Mark are Paul Harris Fellows, Bequest Society members and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.