

**FRANCESCO VALENTI**

**KIWANIS CLUB OF SICILY-VALLE DEL SIMETO,**

**ITALY-SAN MARINO**

**KIWANIS CHILDREN’S FUND TRUSTEE**

Francesco Valenti of Lentini, Italy, was appointed trustee of the Kiwanis Children’s Fund in 2021. He is a member of the Sicily-Valle del Simeto Club in the Italy-San Marino District.  He has also served as club president and lieutenant governor, earning distinguished status in both roles. In addition, Francesco has been the district’s chair for education and training.

Francesco has also been an ambassador and district chair for the Kiwanis Children’s Fund. He has also served as secretary, chair of the committee on new technology and a member of the brand marketing committee, and the certified trainer and chair of the training committee for the Kiwanis International-European Federation.

He has been honored as a member of the Kiwanis Leadership Society, George F. Hixon Fellowship Diamond-level 6 and Walter Zeller Fellowship Diamond-level 2.

Francesco believes Kiwanis membership represents the best way he can serve his community and make a difference in the lives of as many children as possible.

Francesco has a doctorate degree from the University of Catania in classic literature and a master’s degree in archeology. He has retired from his positions as an archeological museum director and professor. He also served in the army as a lieutenant in the artillery corps.

In addition to Kiwanis, Francesco was a Scout master for Italian and American Boy Scout troops located at a U.S. Navy base. He attained Order of the Arrow for exemplifying the Scouting Oath and Law.

In his free time, he administers websites for several nonprofit organizations and collects food for families through his church parish.

Francesco and his wife have two adult daughters. He enjoys sailing, fishing, reading and writing, as well as music ranging from opera to jazz.

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