

## **ALPS VALENTINE WEEKEND BREAK FEB 3 – 5, 2017**

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A Group of over 250 Members accompanied by spouses and friends spent a glorious weekend at our most popular and sought after resort, namely the Radisson Golden Sands, Ghajn Tuffieha. The weather was just perfect which created a very enjoyable atmosphere for all.

The highlight of the weekend was of course the main dinner in the evening of Saturday. The ball room was laid out in a very pleasant way and created a setting just perfect for a Valentine theme. David Vella added to the atmosphere by playing a vast selection of very popular melodies.

As is customary, the evening started with a welcome drink which gave an ample opportunity for all to mingle and exchange greetings. This was followed by the President George Stagno Navarra presenting a red carnation to each of the ladies as they filed into the ball room to take their seat. As usual, the catering and the menu were simply exceptional; so was the service. Just before the start of the dinner, the President gave a very short speech of welcome.

A raffle was held for the 25 hampers most of which were so graciously prepared by Mrs. Madeleine Stagno Navarra. The management of the hotel kindly donated two complimentary vouchers: one for a weekend break for two persons on half board basis and a Sunday lunch for two persons.

On Sunday morning, we had Mass celebrated by our Chaplain Fr. William Bartolo. His homily was very well received by all present including residents of the hotel who are not members of ALPS.