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July 1, 2014 – Business Meeting at the Phoenicia Hotel – Club Assembly Discussion of Annual Plan 2014-2015

P Lina Shair (see photo RHS) and her management team presented and discussed their *Plans for Rotary Year 2014-2015*. She outlined the nine ways her team had identified by which RCBC would live up to the "Light Up Rotary" theme for the Year: 1. Stronger member commitment; 2. More fundraising focus; 3. Closer fellowship within and between clubs; 4. More regular attendance of events; 5. More young members; 6. More information dissemination; 7. More meaningful and sustainable service projects; 8. Closer contact & cooperation with RotarActors; 9. More community enlightenment on Rotary objectives and accomplishments.



Committee Chairs then presented their plans.

Chairman PP George Beyrouti (see photo RHS) presented the plans of the *Administration Committee*. Apart from discharging the routine administrative tasks essential to the proper functioning of RCBC, the Committee proposes to: 1. Allocate 10 minutes to Rotary administration affairs during each business meeting; 2. Organize one training session per month for RCBC members; 3. Track attendance strictly, investigate cases of poor member attendance and reward cases of exemplary attendance; 4. Organize member dialogue to debate critical issues facing RCBC and Rotary International.



The Club Service Projects Committee headed by RT Rabab Safieddine adopted "Disadvantaged, Sick and Vulnerable Children" as its 2014-2015 theme. It will carry through seven projects: 1. Water Filtration; 2. Child and Mother Welfare Society; 3. Schneller School Solar Lighting as a District-funded Grant; 4. Children's' Cancer Center Leukemia Treatment; 5. Computer Literacy Country Project; 6. Bwindi Uganda Nursing School (as International Co-Sponsor); 7. Qortada Village Solar Heating (as Contributor to RC Cedars).



RCBC meets Tuesdays at the Phoenicia Hotel, Ain-Mreisseh, Beirut
Business Meetings at 7:00 PM — Dinner Meetings at 8:30 PM

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We welcome your comments and suggestions.



July 1, 2014 – Club Assembly Discussion of Annual Plan 2014-2015 ... continued

The 2014-2015 Action Plan of *The Rotary Foundation Committee* (see photo RHS of Chairman PP Tony Asfour) includes:



1. A contribution of US \$ 3,400 to the Annual Programs Fund;
2. Hosting three ambassadorial scholars;
3. Sending one World Peace Fellow;
4. Sending two Vocational Training Teams;
5. Hosting two Vocational Training Teams;
6. Granting five new Paul Harris Fellowships;
7. Five District Grants that are under study or to be completed;
8. Nine Global Grants that are under study or to be completed.

The Public Image Committee (see photo RHS of Chairman PP George Theodory) has been considerably expanded in scope and membership and has adopted a highly ambitious set of goals and supporting calendar of events for 2014-2015:



1. Enhance the image of RCBC amongst current and potential members;
2. Communicate broadly RCBC's strategy;
3. Advocate and promote our service projects in the media, social networks, business forums, Marhaba and other publications;
4. Improve visibility by partnering with other RCs, locally and internationally;
5. Sponsor lectures for delivery by RCBC members within and outside Rotary;
6. Sponsor special fund-raising events, exhibits and displays;
7. Prepare an animated PowerPoint presentation to promote RCBC and Rotary.

The Membership Committee (chairperson Rana Salhab) has formulated a membership attraction and retention program designed to add four new members net in 2014-2015, using a variety of approaches:

1. Articulating an agreed RCBC "Value Proposition";
2. Creating appropriate print and electronic collateral;
3. Encouraging members to each target one candidate for 2014-2015;
4. Formulating a three-year plan to "engage" RCBC RotarActors and recruit them into RCBC.

The Treasurer, RT Jean Paul Moubarak, indicated that he expects RCBC to end the year 2014-2015 with:

- a. A significant increase in the net surplus from Meetings & Dinners;
- b. A significant increase in Membership Income;
- c. A slight increase in the Administrative Deficit; and
- d. A very large increase in the Projects and Services deficit resulting from the change in TRF policy concerning Global Grants. Thus the year 2014-2015 is expected to end with a slight deficit as compared to the substantial surplus of the previous year.

Rotary Acronyms for Non-Rotarians

RI: Rotary International

TRF: The Rotary Foundation

RC: Rotary Club

RCBC: Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan

RT: Rotarian

P: President - IP: Incoming President - VP: Vice President - PE: President Elect - PP: Past President

D: District - DG: District Governor - IDG: Incoming DG - DDG: Deputy DG - ADG: Assistant DG



July 8, 2014 – Club Iftar at the Phoenicia Hotel

R C B C members congregated for a traditional Iftar in the Mosaic Restaurant of the Phoenicia hotel. They mingled, chatted, took pictures and enjoyed the tasty buffet. Shown in the photos are:

- Top LHS: P Lina Shair and RCBC Secretary Mimi Hamam.
- Top RHS: Mrs. Samia Hakimian, PP Tony Asfour and RT Azmi Hajjaj.
- Bottom Left to Right: RT Josef Akl and his spouse Norma; RT Mazen El Farra; PP George Theodory, visitor Mr. Ibrahim Awad, then RT Jean-Paul Moubarak.



July 12, 2014 – Orphans Iftar at the Teleferique, Jounieh

RCBC invited to this Iftar some 120 underprivileged children (6 to 13 years old) with their instructors from Sabra & Chatila camp in addition to 30 homeless Syrian children, all of whom were sponsored by the Joint Christian Committee (JCC). Members of our Club enjoyed sharing the joy of so many children (see photos below) for whom the day included the unique experience of riding in the Teleferique and experiencing the indoor and outdoor playgrounds in Harissa, not to forget the breathtaking view over the bay of Jounieh.





July 12, 2014 – Orphans Iftar at the Teleferique, Jounieh ... continued

Spearheaded by RCBC founding member RT Nabil Challah (shown in RHS photo below), the event included a three-hour entertainment program offered by Mrs. Nayla Ejeh and Danny



the Magician (see photo LHS above); it culminated with an Iftar and the distribution of gifts to the children.

Special thanks are due to RCBC PP Joe Boulos and his family, Telepherique owners, for making all this possible (see photo of Joe Boulos LHS below with PP Mounir Jabre and the photo of Joe's sister, Mrs. Viviane Boulos Tolan, to extreme Right).



Among those present (see photo extreme Right below from L to R) were RTs Rabab Safieddine & Mimi Hamam of RCBC, Mrs. Lolita El Khoury (spouse of RT Samir), Mrs. Rimane Jabre (spouse of PP Mounir), and RT Samir El Khoury.





July 22, 2014 – Business Meeting at Le Vendome Hotel – Guest Speaker: Dr. Antonio El Zeenni – “Topic: Franchising, An Imperfect Trading System”

Dr. Antonio El Zeenni (see photo RHS) is an attorney and counselor at law with an international clientele. He holds a BA and MA from the Saint Esprit University in Kaslik in Lebanon, an MA in Commercial Law and Franchising from Montpellier University and a PhD from Paris IX (Paris-Dauphine) University in France (where his thesis subject was “The Equilibrium of the Parties in Franchising”).

There are an estimated 1,100 franchise concepts in Lebanon (40% of them franchisors, 60% franchisees and 13% Lebanese concepts) that represent between them 5,500 units, employ 99,000 workers and contribute 4% of GDP.

In the West, franchising is a continuing relationship in which a franchisor provides a franchisee the right to use know-how, a trademark and management assistance etc... in return for a financial consideration. Franchising is misunderstood in Lebanon where a franchise is only regarded as being a legal and a commercial relationship between the owner of a trademark, service mark, trade name, or advertising symbol and a party wishing to use such in its business. Generally the franchisor grants the franchisee the right to sell goods and/or services that are supplied by the franchisor or that meet the franchisor’s standards.

“Know-how is also misunderstood. For instance, in both Europe and Lebanon, know-how is considered as a set of unpatented but validated *practical information* resulting from the experience of its owner, the franchisor, while in reality, it is *technical information* (whether resulting from theory or practice) intended to have practical application which reflects its true potential.”

Franchising is an “imbalanced relationship” by definition. The franchisor controls all the success factors whilst the franchisee contributes only money. It is often a relationship in which the franchisor sets the rules and the franchisee accepts them as-is. The inequality between the parties is such that the franchisor might misuse his power to exploit the franchisee, e.g. by overcharging; taking-over control; or treating the franchisee as an employee. Furthermore, Lebanese courts apply Legislative decree n° 34/67 that gives the franchisee the status of a commercial representative, empowered by the franchisor to negotiate for his own account the sale of what he has bought. Foreign franchisors might not trust Lebanese courts to uphold their rights and might rightfully be unwilling to grant franchisees the right to use their know-how in Lebanon.

There is evidently need for a special law to regulate franchising that is fair to both parties and encourages the development of successful and durable commercial relationships. At the same time franchisors must be encouraged to think of their franchisees as members of the family and to treat them as such.



RCBC PP Joe Boulos exchanging banners with visitor P Christine Sabieh of RC Beirut Cadmos.



**Tuesday, August 5, 2014 -- Business Meeting at the Phoenicia Hotel
Guest Speaker: Dr. Yervant Hakimian, RT RCBC – Topic: "Coronary Heart Disease"**

Dr. Hakimian obtained his MD from the St. Joseph University in Beirut and his Cardiology degree from Montreal University in Canada. He is a Fellow of the Montreal Heart Institute, Co-Founder the World French Medical Association and International Adviser to Montreal University.

Coronary Heart Disease (CHD) is the Number One killer in the USA and worldwide. Fortunately however, the death rate from CHD has declined every year since 1968. Risk factors for the disease include heredity; diabetes; hypertension; obesity; physical inactivity; cigarette smoking – the Number One preventable cause; too much alcohol; too few fruits and vegetables; and psychological factors as well. Risk increases with higher levels of bad cholesterol (LDL) and declines with high levels of good cholesterol (HDL).

The rate at which obesity is increasing, especially but not only in adolescents in the USA, is particularly alarming and highlights the need for increased physical activity and diets that are low in carbohydrates and rich in Omega 3, such as fish. It is important to limit the so-called Metabolic Syndrome, a combination of abdominal obesity, elevated triglycerides, low HDL, high fasting glucose levels in the blood, and hypertension.

Measuring a person's CRP (C reactive protein) in addition to cholesterol levels, gives a further, independent, indication of the level of risk of cardiovascular problems to which that person is exposed. As can be seen from the above, the factors that increase the risk of Coronary Heart Disease are numerous but the symptoms are often recognizable and their effects measurable. In closing, Dr. Hakimian advises: "Be Cautious".



To the left, PP Joe Boulos of RCBC exchanging banners with visitor Kamelia Dimitrova of RC Sofia Int'l in Bulgaria.



To the right, PP Boulos and RT Dimitrova with, to their RHS, Mr. Georg Nedyalkov, Commercial and Economic Counselor, Bulgarian Embassy, Beirut, and, LHS, RCBC Secretary Mimi Hamam.



Many Happy Birthday Returns to

Joseph Akl August 5

Amal Talhouk August 7

Pierre Azar August 21

Safieddine September 1

Azmi Hajjaj September 9

Karim Naamani September 15

Christine Arzoumanian September 21



August 19, 2014 -- Business Meeting at the Phoenicia Hotel -- Classification Talk by PP Amal Talhouk

Amal joined Rotary (RC Aley) in 1998, has founded and is a PP of RC Sahel Aley. Her RCBC membership classification is "Special Education/Oral Deaf Education Consultant" and she holds a BA degree and a Teaching Diploma in Special Education/Deafness from the Dutch Andeweg Mediterranean Training Institution (AMT). She has been an active conference speaker on her subject.

For ten years she was a volunteer helper at the Father Andeweg Institute for the Deaf (FAID) in Louweizeh, Jamhour, Lebanon where she served as an education consultant, parent counselor, Honorary Secretary, member of the Board of Directors, and in 2000-2001 as Managing Director.

Amal is the mother of a hearing-impaired daughter, May, for whose education she has struggled mightily, resulting in May obtaining a BA degree in Art History from Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. the only university for the deaf in the world. (This university is only for deaf students; its Board members, its faculty and its president are all deaf). It also resulted in May being accepted for a Master's degree at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.

It was this mighty struggle that led Amal to another struggle which ended positively by registering the first school for the deaf in Lebanon, the FAID, under the Lebanese Ministry of Education, thus opening new horizons for the hearing-impaired who can now look forward to a University education in Lebanon.

Classification Talk by RT Walter Day

Walter has been a Rotarian since 1986. He joined RCBC from RC Aley for which he edited its monthly publication. His classification is School Administration.

His early university education was interrupted by a stint in the US armed forces from which he came back to academe and obtained his BA from the University of St. Mary, in San Antonio, Texas, USA and his MS in Education from Winoma State University, in Minnesota, USA.

Walter has devoted his career to education -- teaching and "fixing schools" both. He has been the principal of one elementary school and four high schools in the USA, then Principal of the Universal American High School in Kuwait and lastly, since 2001, Director of Universal College in Aley, Lebanon.



RCBC P Lina Shair shown exchanging banners with P Mark Miller of RC Etobicoke on her visit to Toronto, Canada in August. She shared with her hosts information about the five global projects that RCBC is working on.



**September 2, 2014 -- Business Meeting at the Phoenicia Hotel -- Guest Speaker
Ms. Rana El Chemaitelly -- Topic: "The Little Engineer"**

Ms. Rana El Chemaitelly (shown RHS to the left of RCBC P Lina Shair) holds a BE in Mechanical Engineering and a Master's in Engineering Management from the American University of Beirut (AUB). Among other honors, she was recognized by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2009 as one of the most promising entrepreneurs of the Middle East North Africa region (MENA) and was selected by the Cartier Women Initiative in 2014 as MENA Region Laureate. Her presentation elicited great interest and triggered a whole range of questions from attendees.



In 2009 Ms. El Chemaitelly founded The Little Engineer (TLE), an "edutainment center geared towards engaging young minds in science, technology, engineering and mathematics whilst working in parallel on their leadership and presentation skills". The Little Engineer established three such centers in Lebanon, each catering to two age groups: six to nine years old and 10 to 18 years old.

In March 2013, TLE established a partnership with Airbus; the partnership trained 500 students in 2013 in the UAE, Ethiopia, Oman, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Sri Lanka. TLE now offers a franchise to entities interested in and deemed qualified to manage edutainment centers that focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). These centers are trained by TLE to: (1) Connect learners to real-life situations; (2) Construct models of operating systems; (3) Contemplate the results of testing the model; (4) Complicate (troubleshoot complications arising in the application of the model); and (5) Continue (take the model to market).

In the Question & Answer period following her presentation, she indicated that: (a) Integration of the TLE concepts into Lebanese school programs has been attempted in Ras el Metn where it generated enthusiasm in students; (b) TLE is already partnering with a University: the American University of Beirut, and soon the Beirut Arab University; (c) It uses three languages: Arabic, English and French; (d) School and University teaching approaches in Lebanon have yet to evolve/change; (e) TLE will soon launch a "Rebuild Syria" initiative for Syrian refugees with Sonbola, a NGO (non-governmental organization); and (f) It intends to develop appropriate programs for Palestinian refugees with the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arms of esteemed companies.



*To either side
are pictures of
LTE classrooms
with little
engineers at
work .*





September 9, 2014 -- Business Meeting at the Monroe Hotel -- Speaker RT Rana Salhab -- Topic: "The Social Responsibility of the Corporation"

RT Rana Salhab has a BS in Public Health and a MBA from the American University in Beirut (AUB). She is the Middle East (ME) Talent and Communications Partner and a member of the ME Executive Team with Deloitte, the largest professional services companies in the world.

Her opening statement set the stage for her talk:: "Leading companies now believe that business has the power and responsibility to positively impact society and that social development is necessary for economic development... They believe that businesses should drive development by identifying the obstacles to social and economic progress ...and becoming part of the solutions to these obstacles". The statement is driven by the results of Deloitte research amongst 1,000 millenials (people born after the 1980's) that work at Deloitte, and 390 business leaders from around the globe.



Not only millenials but the business leaders surveyed believe that measurement of business success is more than just profit. The attitude of both millenials and business leaders is shifting from (a) to respond to societal needs is charitable, to (b) to respond to societal needs is central to economic growth and stability. To be considered socially responsible, a corporation must demonstrate that it is concerned to sustain and support employment; health care; education and training; the environment; the infrastructure; and housing.

Furthermore, for millenials the degree to which corporations are socially responsible is a measure of their attractiveness as employers; and for businesses this is becoming a talent attraction imperative.

The Social Progress Imperative, which produces the Social Progress Index (SPI) was incorporated as a nonprofit in 2012 following a meeting of the World Economic Forum. The SPI offers a framework for measuring the multiple dimensions of social progress, benchmarking success, and catalyzing greater human wellbeing. It ranks countries according to the following factors:

1. Does a country provide for its people's most essential needs?
2. Are the building blocks in place for people to improve their lives?
3. Is there opportunity for people to improve their position in society?

RT Salhab provided the 2014 SPI results. Of the 132 countries ranked worldwide, Lebanon is ranked 83. New Zealand is No. 1 and Chad last. Generally, the SPI seems to correlate with GDP. Not so closely however for the Middle East, where the following obtains:

SPI vs GDP Rankings of ME Countries

Country	UAE	Kuwait	S. A.	Jordan	Lebanon	Iraq	Yemen
SPI	37	60	65	75	83	118	125
GDP	3	1	6	66	48	54	100



September 16, 2014 -- Business Meeting at the Phoenicia Hotel -- Guest Speakers Mr. and Mrs. John and Sylvia Rebeiz -- Topic: "Sudden Cardiac Arrest"

Mr. and Mrs. Rebeiz (see photos RHS) lost their son Remy, a brilliant student and talented athlete, not yet 21 years old, because they did not know about Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA).

SCA is not to be confused with a heart attack. It is a genetic, hereditary malfunction of the electric system of the heart and a killer of young people aged 12-35, especially athletes (6,000 per year in the USA; 1,200 per year in the UK; thus by induction, more than 85 or close to 100 per year in Lebanon due primarily to a lack of awareness and lack of reporting to proper authorities). Its occurrence requires intervention using AED+CPR within five to seven minutes of onset, failing which the victim will die or suffer brain damage. AED is the acronym for Automatic External Defibrillator and CPR that for Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation.

The fact is that a simple ECG/EKG test detects the possibility of heart malfunction, and once the possibility is detected, precautions can be taken. However, the interpretation of ECG/EKG results must be undertaken by an expert electro physiologist.

The cost of an EKG machine is estimated at between US \$ 1,500 and \$ 2,500 -- but note that a family of four can have their ECG/EKGs done for US \$ 175 or less excluding doctor's prescription fees. The precautionary measures are either pills or placement of an Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator (ICD) that is like pace maker, and can cost US \$ 15,000. Also, an AED should be available in case a person collapses as a result of a heart arrest; this is likely to cost US \$ 2,000 in Beirut. The cost of pills is of the order of US \$ 1,200 per person per year.

Mr. and Mrs. Rebeiz have established the Remy Rebeiz Young Heart Foundation (RRYHF) "so that people will know what we did not know", thus help spare families the agony of losing a child. Its mission is to spread awareness and promote prevention endeavors. The RRYHF is buying ECG/EKG machines to screen the young for free in educational and sports institutions. It welcomes Rotary support (a) in helping it spread awareness; (b) by introducing it to educational and sports institutions; and (c) through in-kind donations.



Shown below (LHS) is P Lina Shair with visitor PP Rosemary Azem, RC San Mateo, Cal., USA. Shown below (RHS) is RT Jean-Paul Moubarak visiting France with to his right, P Tatiana



Metalisa and to his left, PP Stephanie Soares, both from RC Foch. RT Moubarak is shown, to the Extreme Right, exchanging banners with P Marc Rousseau of RC Antibes.





September 27, 2014 -- Family Fun Day at the Telepherique, Jounieh

This Family Fun Day was a first of its kind joint RCBC/BC RotarAct Club event – and a great event it was. Some sixty Rotarians and RotarActors and their friends attended. Peals of laughter punctuated the day in the Laura Restaurant of the Telepherique at Harissa.

The venue was made available for the occasion by its owners, the family of RCBC PP Joe Boulos as their contribution to the objective of this Rotary event: Fund-raising for a number of children's orphanages in Lebanon: Oum Allah; Dr. Mohamed Khaled Institute; the Association du Foyer de l'Enfant Libanais; and the Antar Armenian Orphanage.

If you were one of those who rode up to Harissa in a Telepherique cable car (free of charge for those under 15) your breath started being "taken away" from way down at the coast in Jounieh, and was "blown away" upon reaching the top (see RHS).



At the top, you were served lunch, took part in games (Bingo, Tombola etc..) and watched the younger ones compete as to who would consume the most apples or bananas -- the latter being referred to as "Go Bananas" (see below).



If, on the other hand, you were one of those who played Bingo, you would have been



privileged to experience the hilariously witty performance as Bingo Mistress of Mrs. Adele Boulos Bassoul, spouse of PP Habib Bassoul and sister of PP Joe Boulos -- ably aided and abetted by score-keeper RotarActor Nazih Jabre (see photos to either side).





**September 30, 2014 – Dinner Meeting at the Phoenicia Hotel – Guest Speaker
Mr. Salim Edde – Topic: ”**

Mr. Edde is an Ingenieur de l'Ecole Polytechnique in Palaiseau, France, and holds a MS degree in Chemical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA and a Master in Business Administration from the University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois, USA. He is the co-founder and one of the managers of Murex, SA, one of the leading providers of financial software for trading rooms and financial institutions worldwide.



The name “MIM” (that Mr. Edde gave to his museum upon the suggestion of a publicity agency in Beiru) is the 24th letter of the Arabic alphabet and the equivalent of the letter M in the Latin alphabet, which stands for Museum, Mineral, and Mine in English, as well as in French. The museum was opened in late 2013 and has won international acclaim as “one of the world’s paramount private collections”. It is located on the Campus for Innovation, the Economy and Sports of the Saint Joseph University near the National Museum of Beirut. It houses Mr. Edde’s collection of more than 300 species from 60 countries that he started building with patience and tenacity in 1997; it contains all mineralogical species and thus represents the incredible richness of the mineral world.

Mr. Edde inherited his passion for collecting from his father and got the idea for the museum from his grandmother. She used to say: “My grandson, no one has ever taken anything with him” – that is to say the afterlife. The idea started gestating in 2003. He wanted to create a museum that would promote the image of Lebanon and be many things: (a) Non-profit and reach the greatest number of people; (b) Historical, esthetic and artistic; (c) Academic, scientific and mathematic; (d) Industrial and economic; and (e) Adapted to the Arab world and tri-lingual.



Photos of MIM exhibits – see www.facebook.com/mim.museum





Addendum – RCBC Beirut Cosmopolitan RotarAct Section – page 1 of 2

1. A welcoming family spirit:

Vice District Rotaract Representative (VDRR) Najah Elias visits our club while we celebrate our dear member Peter Rassie's birthday.

From left to right:

- ♦ **Rawan Al Wadaa**
- ♦ **Peter Rassie**
- ♦ **Najah Elias**
- ♦ **Ehab Abdallah**



2. Launching the new year dinner:

President Elie Farhat organized a dinner to start the year centered on fun and friendship.



3. Partnering with Kunhadi:

Lena Gebrane, founder of Kunhadi, presented her organization and agreed to collaborate with Rotaract Beirut Cosmopolitan on fundraising and Community Service projects for the current year. Special thanks to active member Maria El Hayek for making this happen.





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4. Fundraising for safer roads:

The club organized an outdoor movie night in collaboration with The Beirut Barbeque Club at Sporting, Raouche. It involved the screening of a classic James Bond movie, snacks offered by our sponsors, a tombola, a photo-booth and a couple of awareness exercises by Kunhadi.



5. Learning and living Rotaract:

VDRR Najah Elias invited us to the first Rotaract Academy of the year. The prospective members learned about the "4 way test" and about the Rotaract culture and its fundamentals.



6. Pinning of dedicated new members:

In the presence of our beloved sponsoring Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan, we were able to grow our numbers. Three new members joined the family:

- ♦ *Maria El Hayek*
- ♦ *Roger El Baladi*
- ♦ *Georgio Demian*

