

Who Is Who in the Peronist Network

MATILDE: Councilwoman of the municipality of Cospito. Owner of the UB called Three Generations, and main political broker in Villa Paraiso and nearby areas. Former press secretary of the Peronist Party, and former secretary of social welfare of the municipality of Cospito.

ADOLFO: Matilde's husband. Undersecretary of public works at the municipality of Cospito

PEDRO, PACO, AND LUIS: Matilde's sons. Pedro is a public employee at the municipality of Cospito and private secretary to his father, Adolfo. Paco is the president of the cultural center Jauretche, located half a block from Matilde's UB in front of her two-story home. He is married to Mimi.

MIMI: Matilde's daughter-in-law. Coordinator of the largest state-sponsored food program in Cospito City—the Plan Vida. The Plan Vida distributes milk, eggs, cereals, and sugar in poor neighborhoods of Buenos Aires on a daily basis through block delegates. These block delegates, mostly women working for free for the program, are known as *manzaneras* of the *Plan Vida*. Mimi coordinates the twenty-three *manzaneras* in Villa Paraiso.

BRIGITTE: Matilde's cleaning lady. Secretary of the cultural center Jauretche, and a *manzanera* of the Plan Vida.

MARCELA: Matilde's private secretary.

RAFAEL BIANCO: Known as "Cholo." He has been working with/for

- Matilde for the last four years. He is a Peronist activist and local broker. He owns a UB in the Fifth Road, the poorest area in Villa Paraíso.
- JUAN PISUTTI: Known as “Juancito.” A public employee of the municipality of Cospito, and president of the UB called The Leader. He is also a political broker in Villa Paraíso and was, in the past, secretary of the main neighborhood association (Sociedad de Fomento).
- ANDREA ANDRADE: A public employee of the municipality of Cospito, secretary of the UB Fernando Fontana at the center of Villa Paraíso.
- JUANA MEDINA: She is in charge of a recently opened UB called “Chacho Peñaloza” in Villa Paraíso.
- RODOLFO FONTANA: Publicly known as “Rolo.” He is the mayor of Cospito City and president of the Peronist Party of Cospito.
- HILDA “CHICHE” GONZALEZ DE DUHALDE: The governor’s wife. Director of the food-distribution program Plan Vida and other social assistance programs. President of the Consejo Provincial de la Familia y Desarrollo Humano.
- EDUARDO DUHALDE: Governor of the province of Buenos Aires.