

# Newsletter #5

## Meet our Members



Jane Pilla, a Brazilian designer from São Paulo, developed an early passion for art influenced by her family's artistic interests. Jane transitioned from being an executive in corporations to pursuing a career in fashion design after studying in Milan. She worked as an editor for fashion magazines and websites before venturing into the textile industry for automakers.

In 2008, Jane and her family relocated to the United States. Upon her arrival, she strengthened her closest friendships through family connections. Initially, it helped her improve her English skills and familiarize herself with American culture. In the subsequent years, after adapting to her new environment, she engaged in solo efforts within art institutions to become part of the American community and pursue her passion.

Eventually, her initial group of friends moved back, prompting her to return to the BID family association to seek new friendships. Together with other IDBFA members, they established the Art Club.

Jane says, "The Art + Design & Craft Club" is a place where you can feel integrated, even if you don't speak perfect English or Spanish because through art, we can communicate in any language."

Today, she fulfills her dreams by continuing her studies in art, practicing abstract painting and metalsmithing, in addition to volunteering at the IDBFA.

**"It's through the IDBFA network that we stay connected to our roots and origins. It's the support we need to feel secure and at home in the USA."**



Jane at IDB Family Association

### Highlighted activities

September was full of activities at the Association. It was an opportunity to create new connections, share knowledge, and experiences. One of the highlights of the month was our **participation in the Institutional Onboarding lunch for new staff members**, where we have the opportunity to meet the new employees and present our benefits for their families.

We have organized a series of other integration activities throughout the month for our members.

Below, we highlight some of them





The weather was perfect, and we had a beautiful time with wine experience at the 868 Estate Vineyards.



Friends and family enjoying the Picnic at the Winery.



We had an exclusive visit to the ROFA gallery of the renowned curator Gabriela Rosso. A Glimpse into Latin American Art in the USA.



Our Art, Design & Craft Club members at the Xilography Workshop with Augustina Giraudy.



We went to the Zoo to say good bye to the Pandas in their Giant Farewell. It was a great opportunity to make new friends. Kids had lots of fun!



Welcome Coffee at the IDB and a warm welcome to our new members.

## OCTOBER: Domestic Abuse Awareness Month

Domestic abuse affects people of all genders, ages, and backgrounds. Let's use this month to stand together, support one another, and work towards a world where everyone feels safe and free from violence in their own homes. Stay tuned for the upcoming events organized by the IDB.

### Upcoming activities



**Toddler Group Playdate!**  
For kids from 3 months to 5 years old  
Only for members

Bring your little ones for an afternoon of playtime and bonding. It is the perfect opportunity for your kids to make new friends.

**October 6th**  
4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

IDB Family Association  
6901 Rockledge Drive, Suite 110  
Bethesda, MD 20817



**RE-LAUNCH YOUR CAREER WITH OUR CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS**

Offered for the **spouses** of all IDB employees to provide them with useful resources, tips, and tools to develop their career path strategy.

Sign up to our series of Career workshops designed to help you learn the skills you need to succeed through the entire job search process.

**10 am to 12 pm**

- October 20 - Develop your Career Path
- October 27 - Explore your Next Job
- November 3 - Writing your Best Resume
- November 10 - Acing your Interview

Only for members

In-Person Workshops will take place at:  
IDB Family Association  
6901 Rockledge Drive, Suite 110  
Bethesda, MD 20817

These workshops are facilitated in English.

Facilitator:  
Eric Schlesinger  
Career Coach

Sponsored by: IDB HRD/LDV



**GHOST TOUR**

Bring your family to a **SPOOKY TOUR** in Georgetown, one of the oldest and beautiful neighborhoods in DC!

- October 25th - Tour in Spanish
- October 26th - Tour in English

**6 PM to 8 PM**

Meeting Point:  
1052 Thomas Jefferson St NW  
Washington, DC

Limited spaces!

You can wear your best costume!

Only for members

La Tiendita (from the Staff Association) offers **discounts** on the following shows/events:

- October 22 @ 5 pm - Cirque du Soleil, Echo-Sunday - Under the Big Top, Tysons II
- October 22 @ 8pm - Carlos Vives. El Tour de los 30 - Eagle Bank Arena
- November 19 @ 1pm - Washington Commanders vs. NY Giants - Fed Ex Field

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Check our calendar of activities [HERE](#)

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