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## Employee Transfers/Promotions

**John Duraes** has officially become our new PEX, overseeing our electrical division.

**Mike Croce** moved from Foreman to Electrical Superintendent on PEX Team Duraes.

**Krista Vartabedian** moved from our Estimating Team to PEX Team Toscano to work as Jr. Project Manager on our WTC VSC Project.

**Nathalie Adams** has been promoted from Sr. Designer to Design Manager.

**Congratulations and good luck to all in your new positions!**

### Project Team Updates:

**Toscano's PEX Team** completed both the Three Station Component Repair & the Marine Door Projects, both of which were very complicated and difficult contracts for the MTA.

**Vulcano's PEX Team** completed our first 19 million dollar building contract at the Henry Hudson Administration Facility. They added an additional floor to the building with all new utilities. The demolition of the toll plazas was highlighted as the first open road tolling in NYC. They managed to condense a 6 week schedule to 2 weeks. Go to [www.ipjs.com](http://www.ipjs.com) to see the time lapse video.

### **NEW PROJECTS:**

Qs College Armstrong  
Museum- 16M

5 Comfort Stations- 14.7M  
GCT- Ericsson- 3.2M

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### ***Training Sessions***

Finance Systems 3-1-17  
Acqs./Procurement 3-22-17

#### ***Social Events***

Texas Hold-Em 3-25-17  
Picnic 6-10-17  
Fishing Trip 9-17-17

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Spartan Race 8-26-2017



**Duraes' PEX Team** installed LED Bridge lighting mockups on the Henry Hudson Bridge. The team is also in the process of completing the Cellular Telephone System in Grand Central Terminal and the Park Ave. Tunnel.

**Safety:** Safety is infused in everything we do. Justin Wigley taught a confined space entrant/attendant class at the RK-75 field office. Now our workers will be prepared for the fire suppression tank construction under the RFK Bridge and further confined space work. In addition to that, on January 25th a large group of PJS employees completed the CPR/First Aid class.

### OPEN POSITIONS:

Asst. IT Analyst, Civil Superintendent, Civil Project Manager, Electrical Project Manager, Estimator/ Jr. Estimator Heavy Const. & Bldg., Jr. or Asst. Project Manager, Assistant - Finance, PEX Building

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### Please welcome our recent hires:

**Andrew Raad, Jr. PM-** PEX Team Toscano  
**Eric Wood, Procurement Specialist** -Procurement  
**Gwen Griffin, Administrative Asst.**- Acquisitions  
**Lisa Brandt, Human Resources Manager-** HR  
**Paul de Rushe, Superintendent-** PEX Team Vulcano  
**Sam Ahmed, Project Manager-** PEX Team Toscano  
**Sophie Alozie, Designer-** Drafting Department

### WINTER INTERNS

**Emily White - Team DeLasho**  
**Daniel Goodwin - Team Vulcano**  
**Cody DeLasho - Team Toscano**

### **Staff Contributions:**

The World Today  
by Paul Scariano

Many of us feel that the world today is uncertain, uncomfortable and; therefore, disconcerting... but isn't that just a perspective? Another perspective, a more positive one, could lead us to see that uncertainty can indicate that things are dynamic, ever-changing, and fluid. Likewise, uncomfortable can indicate we are not stuck in how things used to be and that change is upon us. Disconcerting is the pit in our stomach over the uncertainty and the uncomfortableness, but is any of that really so bad?

I believe human nature is to seek stasis, or status quo... to want to avoid confrontation and negative feelings, to generally avoid change, especially when we feel things are good, or we are used to how things are. Most of us would be happy waking up and having the same good day everyday, but if it was sunny everyday, would a sunny day be a good thing anymore?

I believe the world today is probably not any different in terms of the negatives that we face. I think the only difference is that we think the negatives themselves are also negatives... double negatives? Wouldn't it be great, if we could look at all these perceived negatives as opportunities? Chaos and destruction can make way for renewal and rebirth. Let's embrace the uncertainty, see the possibility in it, and strive for something better, rather than lament that things might not be. The lamenting itself might lead us to not even try.

Throughout history, bad things have happened... I won't list them, but trust me. I guarantee in every instance, people felt uncertain and uncomfortable. They may have even been terrified and hopeless. I also guarantee that things eventually turned around and improved. Those same people finally found the strength to rise up out of whatever the situation was and made something better out of it. What if we could remember that and not get so down when things get disconcerting? Let's help each other remember to give the positive perspective a shot.

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