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**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION (DEC) CELEBRATED AT CLOCK TOWER PLACE**

**One Thousand plus employees gather at “The Mill” to honor and celebrate DEC on the company’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

**May 24, 2007, Maynard, Massachusetts...**Sponsored by DECedOut, a group that began as the Digital Retirees Association 15 years ago, more than one thousand former and present Digital (Hewlett Packard) employees, reunited at the company’s old headquarters, the “Mill,” in Maynard, Massachusetts to celebrate friendships born out of a corporate culture that was more a family than a job. The event was co-hosted by Joe Mullin, the Vice President of Public Relations, and member of the Board of Directors of Clock Tower Place, current name for the Mill complex, and the DECedOut organization. Legacy Financial Advisors, a long established National Wealth Management firm was the primary corporate sponsor of the event, and MarketReach, Inc., a marketing services company founded by two former Digital employees, supplied the banners that adorned the room.

“When we began to organize the anniversary reunion, we expected a turn-out of around 100-150 former employees,” said Jack Mileski, committee member for DECedOut. “Word of mouth, and email spread like wild fire, and before long we had nearly 800 reservations. Another 200 or so folks showed up at the event.” The event was held at Clock Tower’s new cafeteria. “When we saw the response we hoped for, and were granted, a beautiful sunny evening that allowed us to spread out onto the lovely courtyard outside of the cafeteria and comfortably accommodate everyone attending.” It was noted during the evening that this is also the year of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VAX/VMS..

The sponsoring Digital organization, DECedOut is a group that is dedicated to the reuniting of the Digital family through face to face events, timely communication, and joint activities. They are currently planning an outdoor BBQ to be held in the greater Maynard area in the fall.

As part of the celebration, Joe Mullin led many former employees on a tour of the new Clock Tower Place facility. The “Mill”, built in the mid-1800s, was formerly a factory that made blankets and uniforms for the Union Army during the Civil War. Before Digital established itself, the building housed the Assabet Woolen Company and its successor, the American Woolen Mill. After the departure of the American Woolen Company in the early 1950’s, the Mill became the location of many diversified companies and organizations. Digital was founded in Bldg. 12 (the main entrance) in

1957. Eventually, Digital expanded so much that it purchased the Mill outright and occupied it virtually entirely.

After Digital left, the Mill was bought by Wellesley Companies, a privately held, 86 years old Real Estate Development and Management Company. In 1998, the “Mill” was renamed “Clock Tower Place” in honor of the old Clock Tower that was the symbol of the complex and of Digital Equipment Corporation itself. It is currently almost fully occupied by more than 100 companies with more than 3500 employees, but it will always be thought of as the heart of DEC.

As employees greeted one another, and friendships were renewed, it was obvious to all that former employees will forever cherish the memories and share stories of their days at Digital Equipment Corporation and look forward to the Fall event.

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You can sign up for membership in the DECedOut or learn about future events at <http://www.decedout.org>.



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Joe Mullin recounts the history of the Mill.

