



DECconnection

A professional association for networking organization of former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

Events

DETAILS FOR OUR EARLY SUMMER EVENT:

June 4, 2017: The Scottish Music Concert at 2 PM at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury (72 Wayside Inn Rd, Sudbury, MA) will be followed by supper at the home of one of our Board members who lives nearby. The orchestra members will be in attendance and are co-sponsoring the supper with DEC Connection.



To attend, purchase your concert tickets from The Wayside Inn by telephone at (978) 443-1776. Tickets are \$12.50 each. If you wish to attend the supper, RSVP name(s) of dinner attendees (member and up to one guest) to email address ava@deconnection.org. The dinner is open to, and free to, paid-up DEC Connection members only, with one guest. To join or renew DEC Connection membership use the [Member Service Center](#) or pay online here: www.deconnection.org/join-online.htm

After you have signed up (perhaps not immediately), you will receive a reply with the information about where the supper is being held. If you do not get an acknowledgement within 2 days, please write to info@deconnection.org. Your registration is not complete until it is acknowledged.

Digital and the Industry

This month we were contacted by the wife of a former Digital customer in Germany. Her husband had recently passed away. He was a physicist who loved DEC and had been to Maynard several times - "He always said, was the best System ever produced". The woman offered to donate her husband's VAX computers and workstations to us. This is just a "feel-good" note because by now the equipment is probably already given away, but if you want to check, contact Ingolf Marzenski who kindly communicated info about these machines to the former Digital-Germany group (deconnett.de). ingolf@marzenski.com

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during April:

Debra Beckman (TN), Glenn Boston (NH), Jack Conaway (NH), Diana Harotian (MA), Gay Choate Keilty (NH), Joanne Masingill (FL), Gail Morello (NH), Joe O'Leary (MA), Tom Rarich (MA), and Dale Rutschow (CO).



Please RENEW your membership if you're due - members check the Member Service Center (instructions below). Other readers, if you are enjoying our e-newsletters please consider joining and sending in a brief update on your activities for our newsletter. Here is how to join or renew:

Membership Renewal Procedure

- Click link to see if your membership is current in our [Member Service Center](#) and pay online with a credit card. If you have paid dues since 2010 you will be there - use the email address we have on file - no leading or trailing spaces - email ava@deconnection.org for help.
 - You can also join us (or renew) at [Join the DEC Connection online!](#)
 - You can also send a personal check made out to The DEC Connection, c/o Bob Moore, 28 Fernglade Rd., Burlington MA 01803. \$10 for 1 year, \$25 for 3 years.
 - If you prefer to use your PayPal account directly (not via our website), use our payment address: registrations@deconnection.org - do NOT use any Board member's personal email address.
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DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

Please send your update to: ava@decconnection.org [See our NewsByte archive page.](#)

We are pleased that this month we have a few more personal updates. Please keep these coming!

■ **Dick Helliwell** writes that he has moved to Carson City, NV, not far from his previous home in Dayton, NV, and is still working remotely for DataDirect Networks, Inc. rph@alumni.stanford.edu

■ **Anker and Kirsten Berg-Sonne** write: We are doing what we can to enjoy retirements as much as we possibly can. Driving and travel are our shared passions. We became aware of the astounding depreciating curves of luxury cars and last year bought a 2004 Porsche Boxster convertible as a toy car and traded Anker's Subaru Forester for a 2009 Mercedes convertible. In October of last year we visited South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana, and we spent February in Key Largo to soak up warmth as we have for the last 20 years. In June we plan to take the Porsche to Nova Scotia and in July we will be in Denmark for a wedding. In August Anker and his oldest daughter's family are going to watch the total solar eclipse in Oregon. We are still in decent health even though Kirsten is going to need a second knee replacement soon and Anker just had both eyes operated for cataracts, with good results :). bostonsearover@gmail.com

■ New DEC Connection member **Debra Beckman** writes: I worked from 88-94 in Birmingham, AL as a senior consultant and moved to Palo Alto, CA in 94. Left Digital shortly thereafter and am now in Tennessee working for an insurance software company. I have many lovely memories of my time at Digital and enjoyed very much working with everyone there. debrarbeckman@gmail.com

■ From **Jack Conaway**: Retired in 2007 to spend time with my wife while she was struggling with cancer. Have lived in the same house for 44 years. Busy with changing it to accommodate a boomerang family, local volunteer work, maintaining the gardens and chopping wood for the stove. Will be fun to having 2 grandsons running around the house. Best, Jack jack.conaway@gmail.com

Sad News Department

Sadly, we have some deaths of former Digital employees to report:

- * Walter Menges, 76, Phoenix AZ, 15 April 2017
- * Bill Montero, 80, Colorado Springs, 3 April 2017
- * Bill Major, 74, Colorado Springs 24 March 2017
- * Kay Larsen, Denmark and USA, 12 March 2017
- * Alan J. Keiran, 87, Longmont CO, 13 January 2017
- * Dick Beaven, 80, Sudbury MA, 13 December 2016
- * Fred Machado, 59, Colorado Springs, 12 December 2016

Details are on our [Memorial Page](#).

Website Features and Updates

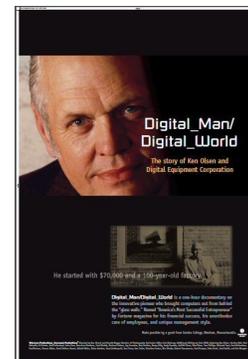
■ [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)

■ The PBS video of the documentary about Ken and the history of DEC, **Digital_Man/Digital_World**, is available online (\$25+s/h) from the PBS store:

<http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=13315614>

It's a wonderful hour-long nostalgia trip. Enjoy!

For those who prefer to watch the free version on their computers, the URL is: [Link to Ken Olsen/Digital Video](#)



■ **Use your MEMBER SERVICE CENTER!** Use the gold Member Login button if you have paid dues since 2010. There are queries to find members in your area, and forms to submit to update your profile, send your news, DEC stories, and business listings for our public online yellow pages. You can check your dues status and renew your membership online. You can email a small photo for your profile, access or request membership in our LinkedIn Group, and send info for articles such as Featured Entrepreneur.

■ **[DEC Stories]** submitted by our members and readers - We are still collecting your unusual, humorous or just favorite DEC stories. Email them to webmaster@deconnection.org. [Click on this link](#).

■ **Featured Member Entrepreneur** - Email ava@deconnection.org with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.

■ If you are a member you are entitled to join our [Linked In DECconnection Group]. Request from LinkedIn to be added or email ava@deconnection.org.

Hewlett-Packard Alumni Association info (membership not required) Thanks to Curt Gowan for sharing all of this valuable advice.

* US - Medicare webinar presentations and Q-and-A: Medicare is much more complex than one would think... and there can be some expensive surprises. Both speakers are very experienced, succinct, and practical.

<http://www.hpalumni.org/medicare>

- Part 1 -- Medicare Explained -- with Heads Up Warnings, by non-profit health insurance counselor Connie Corrales. - Part 2 -- Medicare for HP Retirees, by Aon Retiree Health Exchange analyst David Rew. - Part 3 -- Q and A.

* HP stock and options issues: <http://www.hpalumni.org/stock>

* Leaving HP? Use the HP Alumni Association's "ASAP Checklist" immediately. It has advice on the many things you have to do before you lose access to HP's internal systems. [Go to http://www.hpalumni.org/asap](http://www.hpalumni.org/asap)

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