

# DEC'ed Out *Newsletter of the Digital Retirees Association*

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## President's Comment

Season's Greetings to all of you. The Special Request in the dateline means that Chapter 1776 Officers said they would like to see another issue of *DEC'ed Out* before the Chapter's May 2003 meeting. That request, made in August 2002 was not fulfilled. However, DRA President/Treasurer/ *DEC'ed Out* Publisher did make it to the church on time on May 31, 2003 to become a married man. I am really happy to have a Mrs. Moore in my life and Doris and I have had some fun times since May visiting different parts of the country and trying (not successfully yet) to deal with two houses, two cars, two crock pots and the sundry things that she and I have individually accumulated. Still have a nice size house in Chelmsford should one of you wish to come back to a New England winter.

An important action item: read the **Membership Booklet** article (page 3) and act accordingly.

As always if you have a question about DRA please contact any 1776 officer or myself. Mailing address, phone number and e-mail address are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Bob

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## Digital Retiree Association's First Decade

by Vince Tarbassian, Chapter 1776 Co-chair

The initial DRA started in October 1990 in the Drake, Beam, Morin Outplacement Offices in Marlboro, MA. Their purpose was to enable those folks who wouldn't return to the workforce to network and stay connected. A notice was posted and (The Gang of 7) seven people came together - Fred Koved, Judy Sargent, Mary Reed, Vince Tarbassian, Eli Effinger, Tig Tigerson and Bob Latvalla.

They created a Mission Statement, which they tell us, still stands today. Then a constitution was created using Polaroid Retiree Association's Constitution as a guide. After some fine tuning it was submitted to the general membership, accepted unanimously and is still used today.

The initial group was known as TFSOers. Later came SER-Pers and the organization grew. Folks wanted to start Chapters so along came Northboro, Nashua, Framingham/Sudbury Chapters. The Framingham/Sudbury chapter is still healthy and maintains quarterly meetings at the Fairbank Community Center in Sudbury, MA. Vince tells us that this chapter is populated by hardcore members and the Chapter leadership works energetically to maintain interesting programs. They hold two evening and two afternoon meetings annually. Guest speakers have covered wide areas from Ph. Ds in psychology, fire and crime fighters, tax preparers and estate experts, Ken Olsen and Win Hindle and members who have created businesses of their own.

The year 2000 marks DRA's first decade. DRA must reach out to retirees who can't attend meetings primarily due to geography and must learn what Hewlett Packard can and will do to help the organization remain viable.

[Note: This article is reprinted from the June 2000 *Digital Alumni*.]

## Chapter 1776 In Review

By Marje Morrissey, Chapter 1776 Secretary

### 1998

The first of the four meetings held each year began in **September** with a representative from the SHINE Organization explaining to a packed room at the Fairbank Center in Sudbury, about why we should be concerned about the changes to Medicare. Various scenarios were presented with a lively discussion around supplements, coverage, and dependents. ⇨

Each area has (or should have) a representative of SHINE connected with their Senior Center if further information is needed.

In **December**, Chuck Clark assuaged fears about investments held through the Compaq takeover. Members were advised to secure a tax consultant, or at least someone to help with the tax issues regarding stocks. The last half of the meeting was refreshing as most members joined the Fairbank "Fit for the Future" group for a workout that included sit down exercises as well as a little "Tai-Bo" -- a meeting that met the needs of mind and body. Each area has (or should have) a representative of SHINE connected with their Senior Center if further information is needed.

## 1999

In **March**, we began our general meeting with a pizza party that all members present seemed to enjoy and wanted repeated. Gordon Homer from the Massachusetts Psychological Association then led an interactive session about transitions that occur throughout life. The members present "circled their chairs" and began sharing experiences that proved everyone could relate to changes.

Our **May** meeting brought the newly elected Pam Resor to Sudbury to answer some pertinent questions about how tax laws will affect older citizens.

In **September**, Dr. Frank Miller, OD, was our guest speaker. Dr. Miller gave a presentation on eye ailments of older people. Specifically, he spoke about macular degeneration, cataracts, and retinopathy.

Even those not experiencing any issues concerning their eyes were impressed with the slides Dr. Miller showed targeting various conditions from the sty to laser surgery.

Responding to a question about watery eyes, Dr. Miller surprised members by saying this condition is mainly due to dry eye sockets and can be helped by using a simple OTC solution.

In **December**, Win Hindle, a Digital VP, recalled the "wonderful days" from his perspective. His talk was well received and full of "stuff" which some of us were hearing for the first time. A Liberal Arts major, Win was hired as Ken's assistant in 1962 and brought a different outlook to the business-minded hierarchy of DEC. Recalling the growth from 1100 employees and 12 million dollars in sales in 1964 to 30,000 employees and 1 billion dollars in sales in 1977, Win spoke of many things that contributed to that success but also to what precipitated in the 90's—a time of vulnerability. He remarked that we shouldn't dwell on it as the first 35 years of Digital Equipment made such a difference in how businesses "worked" in the years that followed. ⇨

## DRA Mailing Address

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**Change Of Address**—Right after you tell your next of kin please let us know when your address changes.

## Contacting DRA

Chapter 1776 folks should call one of the officers. Their phone numbers and e-mail are in the box that follows.

Others may contact Bob Moore. When leaving phone number please do so **slowly** with area code.

## DRA Board of Directors

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*No other officers at this time ☹ bad news!*

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If you know any of these folks please let them know we would like to have their current address.

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Judy Marcus..... Lexington, MA  
Marden Seavy  
Gerry Van Gink..... Merrimack, NH  
Richard (Dick) Vogt. Hopkinton, NH

## Membership Booklet

The booklet published in May of 1998 needs to be updated. Those of us who since then probably don't have one.

The booklet consists of several address sections: home, business, e-mail, and a city/state listing of just names. If you still have a booklet, check the entries that pertain to you and tell us of any needed changes. There is a form for this on the insert to this newsletter.

**Most important:** Tell us if you don't want your phone number listed or if you don't want to be listed at all.

Business cards in the booklet was well received and they will be included again this time based on your response. If you want yours included, mail your current card(s) to Bob Moore.

Ten days after this newsletter is mailed we will send an e-mail message to verify our address book. If you have e-mail and DO NOT receive a "DRA December 2003 Test" message and you would like to receive information by e-mail, send a message to Bob. Twice a year we send a good IBHO joke to test the validity of the address book.

The update is not scheduled but the sooner we hear from you the closer it is to happening.

## It's a Small World Business

While assembling this camel, Marje Morrissey mentioned, "Our son, Stephen, is a tenant at the Mill. He's CEO for Technologybarn.com. So now, counting my grandfather, father, me and now Steve, there are four generations of our family that have worked at the Mill."

Also, Bill Hanson, once vice president of manufacturing at DEC is a client of Steve's.

*how about that!*

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He urged us to concentrate on the past accomplishments. In response to questions, Win told us that he retired in 1994 and keeps active physically and mentally. He serves on several corporate Board of Directors, does philanthropic work and is a trustee of Emerson Hospital.

### 2000

An associate of Martha Coakley spoke to the membership on some important issues regarding crime and its prevention, especially specific to the older community, and stayed to answer some pertinent questions from the group.

Peter Koch, the owner of Digital Alumni Organization spoke about the individual clubs around the world. Access to his site for additional information is [www.dec alumni.com](http://www.dec alumni.com).

A "fun" meeting was held in **September**, when Terry Shannon attired proudly in his DECUS shirt expounded on what he thought DEC could or should have done including some interesting comments on the sales "elite." The notes for this meeting created four pages for the archives.

### 2001

Dr. Bryant Tarr, podiatrists from Sudbury Podiatry, discussed many of the problems older members were experiencing. Members were surprised to learn that 1/4 of all the bones in the body are located in the feet. Emphasis was put on the fact that diabetics should not take care of their own feet -- even cutting nails could become serious. Dr. Tarr explained, using several slides, that "normal" doesn't mean the same thing to everyone and it's a good thing to visit a podiatrist periodically as you age.

Ruth Griesel, the Director at the Fairbank Center spoke about needs and classes at the Center, and relayed information the trips they schedule.

### 2002

Ivan Lubash, a veteran of WWII, showed a number of slides accompanied by his own experiences on the Liberty Ships of World War II. The creation of the "fleet" and the innovation of those ships over the war years was an interesting topic for those present.

Chris Tarbassian, paramedic/RN opened many eyes when he explained to the members what training exams and other requirements an EMT encounters before being able to move up to paramedic status.

Chris, an ER nurse, showed us the complexities of triaging patients before they arrive at an emergency room. He also explained the differences between a general hospital and a trauma center. He told the group how to become a nationally certified EMT paramedic as opposed to a state EMT. Chris enlightened us about the state levels of response that include chemical ⇌

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and biological. Several handouts were available to those interested in becoming an EMT in their community.

At another presentation, a National Geographic Photographer brought some movies and slides of the Arctic to a small group of DRA members. The attendance was sparse because of predictions for a severe storm and this was an evening meeting. Those that braved the weather, however, were not disappointed. Even those members who had just returned from a voyage to the Arctic were impressed with the photos. It seemed as though we had been transported to the north when we went outside to clear our cars for the trip home.

### 2003

It was a trip back to the 40's for DRA members attending the Chapter 1776 meeting on Friday, **September 26, 2003** as the Compaq Band took the stage in the gymnasium at the Fairbank Center. Renditions of themes by Steve Allen, Glenn Miller, Doc Severinson, and Dizzy Gillespie to name a few—started some serious toe tapping. The vocalist, a local (Framingham) gal, Cindy Sullivan, gave us some excellent interpretations of *Tangerine* and *The Lady is a Tramp*.

There were two sessions of great sounds with a break of fifteen minutes in between to allow everyone to get caught up on news and grab some refreshments. All we needed were some plush cushions and dim lights to imagine ourselves back at the Totem Pole.

The group consisted of 19 band members, led by Al Saloky, a sound engineer and a music librarian. Along with the bass, drums, guitar, and keyboard, there were five saxophones, five trombones, and five trumpets. There was even some tooting on the flugelhorn by Bruce McCloud.

Their traditional "closer" was the old Woody Herman "Things Aren't What They Used To Be"—reminding us of the good old days during Ken's leadership.

It was a great night— you shoulda been there!!!!

The decision to have this meeting on Friday instead of the usual Thursday was because the Senior Center was not available due to other commitments made to the Center members for Thursday projects.

Tax Time is approaching and one tip from a previous meeting was to call 1-800TAXFORM for the government publication #590 which lets you know the minimum you need to deduct when reaching 70 and 1/2. Example: If you are 70 1/2 in February of 2004, you must start withdrawal by December 31, 2005

There will be a March 2004 Chapter 1776 meeting. A notice will be e-mailed or postcard mailed to the potential 1776 membership. Let an officer know if you don't receive a notice by ⇨ mid-February.

**Question** for 1776 members. What you would like to see or

hear about at future meetings?

### Hewlett Packard Retirement Group (hp-REM)

As you read in Vince's recap of the first ten years of DRA and Marje's review of Chapter 1776 activities, there are some folks trying to keep DRA going. Recently we have become aware of hp-REM a very active group of Hewlett Packard retirees.

The Chapter 1776 officers have met with the hp-REM officers to exchange information and see how we might become mutually beneficial to each other.

hp-REM has about 180 members. They are primarily a social group and provide travel opportunities during the year. All the trips are arranged by an event planner within their group. They have an annual meeting that includes all members.

Their Board of Directors consists of eight people, plus past presidents, each of who have an assigned responsibility.

Marilyn Goodrich, 1776 co-chair, attended hp-REM BOD meeting on December 3, 2003, and is welcome to attend future meetings. hp-REM Treasurer, Monica Dickie, spoke at the May 2003 Chapter 1776 meeting. She handles travel activities and will have a schedule for 2004 ready for their January meeting. We will make an effort to distribute this information to all DRA members for their individual consideration.

Marilyn promises to keep us informed as she becomes better acquainted with the hp-REM officers. We appreciate Marilyn's efforts and look forward to hearing more about the exotic travel plans for 2004.

## Operation Comix Relief

About a year ago, Vince Tarbassian came to a 1776 board meeting and said, "my son has comic books all over the house." Thus we were introduced to Chris's project to send relief to our troops abroad. In September *The Armenian Weekly* and *Framingham TAB* had nice articles about "Operation Comix Relief." Chris has shipped 6,000 comic books to the military stationed abroad. While Chris began at home, donations have come in to help cover postage. The Framingham post office has been very helpful and on September 30, they had a special celebration for Chris at which time they presented him with a "Superman Stamp Plaque" for his effort in this very well received project. *Stars and Stripes*, the military newspaper with a circulation of 536,000 also interviewed Chris.

Chris has received numerous letters and photos from military personnel including an officer who wrote that his men really appreciated this effort. Magazines are sent to any military person serving abroad and they are given to wounded personnel being carried out of Afghanistan and Iraq. Sometimes they have only the ceiling to look at on their flight. The comics divert their attention from their wounds.

Some have included money to help defray the cost of postage. Magazine publishers have been very generous in supplying Chris with what he needs. Staples, the office supply retailer has donated a generous supply of 9X12 manila envelopes. A parochial school in Framingham made OCR a Community Project and their help was well received. There is such a great need that any monetary donations are greatly appreciated. The website tells you how to be part of the support for OCR right now.

OCR is now receiving requests from military companies and battalions to be included. If you know someone stationed abroad that you would like included, simply send Vince their address and he will take it from there.

This is a huge undertaking for one individual. The long hours collating and packing are a labor of love, but the overseas postage is becoming difficult to manage. OCR is applying for non-profit status, which should help defray the postage costs.

Please visit the website [www.operationcomixrelief.com](#) to see how OCR began with a surprise gift to one of Chris's friend and how it has taken off from there.

Chris can be reached by e-mail at [operationcomixrelief@yahoo.com](mailto:operationcomixrelief@yahoo.com).

## Digital Alumni

By Peter Koch

The *Digital Alumni* organization continues to grow. Purported to be the largest company alumni organization

in the country, if not the world, with alumni organizations all over the world. We know of local organizations in the UK, Geneva, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan. Similarly organizations thrive in Massachusetts, Washington DC, South Florida, Phoenix AZ, and in both Northern and Southern California. In addition, various semiconductor, Field Service, Marketing, and Sales groups meet periodically. The contacts for these groups can be found on our website [www.operationcomixrelief.com](#). We plan to attempt to connect all of these groups and any others that want to be linked via the Internet.

Benefits available to a member of the *Alumni*: a quarterly newsletter; on-line directory of *Alumni* members; discounted auto, homeowners, boat and liability insurance through Liberty Mutual; attractive medical insurance for self-employed alumni, tailored to individual needs; Pre-Paid Legal insurance at a very attractive price from the top firm offering this insurance in the U.S.; the best Identity Theft coverage at very attractive price—Identity theft is the most common white-collar crime in the U.S. today and is on the increase all across the country; and, lastly access to the Digital Alumni website [www.operationcomixrelief.com](#) and its many features. Interested Alumni can join by going to the JOIN button on the website. Fill out the information page, pay the \$25 annual membership fee by credit card. It is as easy as 1-2-3. The membership charge has not changed in 5 years.

Anyone who has questions about membership or about accessing any of our benefits should send an email to [info@digitalalumni.com](mailto:info@digitalalumni.com).

All alumni are invited to join.

## SERPer Memory

Submitted by Marje Morrissey, 1776 Secretary

These two pieces composed by a DEC lawyer was sung at a going away party that Marje Morrissey, 1776 secretary, attended in 1992. We thought you might enjoy the words, it's up to you whether you and your significant other want to sing them.

### SERPIN' USA

(Sung to **Surfing USA** --by the Beach Boys)

If everybody had a birthday  
Summer of '42,  
cashed their stock at a hundred,  
and had no mortgage due,  
they'd be tossin' their badges  
and flippin' key cards away,  
'cause everybody'd be SERPIN,  
SERPIN USA

They'd be sheddin' their pinstripes  
(INSIDE OUT DEC USA)  
for daring Speedo suits.  
Wearin' Huarachi sandals  
instead of sensible shoes,  
Emptyin' their briefcases;  
throwin' their Journals away,  
Pack the suds and the sunblock.  
SERPIN USA!

They'd be junkin' their keyboards  
for those boards that you ride.  
Tellin' the boss to get his own phone,  
"Dude, gotta catch that tide!"  
Leavin' printers needin' paper,  
and flashin' "TONER" all day.  
Everybody'd be SERPIN,  
SERPIN USA!

They'd be swappin' business cycles.  
(INSIDE OUT DEC USA)  
for more permanent waves.  
Tippin' their bearish brokers,  
"Go take a 'dip' today!  
Blurtin' out at client meetings:  
"Man, gotta get away;"  
gonna peel out and hang ten!"  
SERPIN USA  
Everybody's gone SERPIN,  
SERPIN USA

## WE'LL BE SEEING YOU

(Sung to the WWII song, I'll Be Seeing You)

We'll be seeing you  
in all the old familiar places:  
coffee lines and parking spaces  
at MSO2

In your office court,  
where you've been such a sport--  
they moved your desk eleven times,  
but you just smiled, you never whined.

And we'll be seeing you  
on foggy post-vacation days,  
when we're lost in a floor plan maze  
a-wandering' round all these hallways.

We'll see you in our morning staffs  
and when we head home too,  
we'll be searching for our cars  
but we'll be seeing you.

(refrain)

We'll be seeing you  
in all the phony fire drills  
that give each day potential thrills  
at MSO2

And at a Harvard dorm  
while we sweat up a storm  
from spartan, dank Charles River views  
we'll ponder: On which banc are vous?

We'll be seeing you  
at every Law Department outing  
when volleyballers are a-pouting,  
'cause for Ben-Gay their "dawgs" are shouting.

We'll miss you in each morning rush  
and when the day is through,  
we'll be wadding our "to do" list,  
but we'll be seeing you.

(refrain)

We'll be seeing you in Tobin's cafeteria  
that you made so much cheerier  
the whole year through.

At each monthly forum,  
you showed such decorum,  
most of us weren't so discreet,  
what's "Murder 1" for back row seats?

And we'll be seeing you  
when out a window we do gaze  
and dream of more relaxing ways  
to spend some sun and fun-filled days

We'll miss you on each Monday morn  
and when the week is through,  
we'll dream we're cruisin' in a ragtop,  
but we'll be seeing you.

## **Good Stuff From *Modern Maturity*** (an AARP publication)

Richard Harrison and his wife, Betty, took the AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program, offered by their local police department and they feel it was very good. Besides potential for saving on your auto insurance the course deals with the special problems that elderly drivers face and how to deal with these problems. If you haven't already seen an article about this you may write AARP Driver Safety Program, PO Box 93114, Long Beach, CA 90809-3114 or call 1-800-AARP-NOW or visit the web site for more information. Or, if you would like to ask Richard a question it is okay to call him at 978-772-5012.

Vince Tarbassian suggests that we all might benefit from reading the following two articles again even if we read them once before.

### **9 Crucial Questions to ask Doctors & Pharmacists**

1. What is the name of the drug and what is it for?
2. Is a generic version available?
3. How and when do I take the drug - and for how long?
4. Will this medication work safely with other drugs and supplements I take? What about alcohol?
5. Are any tests required with this medicine - for example, to check liver or kidney function?
6. What are the potential side effects? (If you switch from a brand-name drug to a generic, report any different reactions or side effects to your doctor).
7. Can I get a refill? When?
8. How do I store this medicine?
9. Where can I find written information about this medicine?

### **Saving on Prescription Drugs**

**ASK YOUR DOCTOR** if a cheaper version of your medication—a generic or older drug—would suit you. Also ask about free samples.

**RX ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:** Call your state health department or agency on aging or go to [www.benefitscheckup.org](http://www.benefitscheckup.org) to find programs you might qualify for.

**VETERAN AND MILITARY BENEFITS:** If you are a veteran call (877)222-8387 or go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov). If are a military retiree or dependent, including current, widowed or divorced spouse, call (800)538-9552 or go to [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil)

**DRUG COMPANY ASSISTANCE:** Many drug makers offer free supplies of their own products to Medicare enrollees without drug coverage. Income limits apply. For a free directory, call (800) 762-4636 or go to [www.helpingpatients.org](http://www.helpingpatients.org).

**RX DISCOUNT CARDS:** Ask your pharmacist about discounts. For details or drug company cards, go to

### **Safe Practices for Using Medications**

1. Keep an up-to-date list of all prescription drugs you take, along with the dose, how often you take them and the name of the pharmacy.
10. Also record over-the-counter products, vitamins or herbal products you take. Note allergies you have to medicines or food. Take this list on all doctor visits.
11. Ask your doctor to write—clearly—the medication's purpose on any prescription.
12. Keep drugs in their original containers with directions.
13. Read the label before each dose to be sure you have the right drug.
14. Don't chew or break pills unless instructed.
15. Don't store medications in the bathroom or in direct light.
16. Never take someone else's medication.

[www.rxassist.org](http://www.rxassist.org) or call the following numbers:

GlaxoSmithKline's Orange Card, (888)672-6436; Eli Lilly's Lilly Answers, (877)795-4559; Pfizer's For Living Share Card, (800)717-6005; or the Together Card, (800)865-7211, for drugs made by seven companies.

**DISCOUNT MAIL ORDER PROGRAMS:** There are many, including AARP's program, at (800)289-8849 or [www.aarp-pharmacy.com](http://www.aarp-pharmacy.com), and Medco Health, at (877) 733-6765 or [www.yourxplan.com](http://www.yourxplan.com). Compare prices among several plans at [www.destinationrx.com](http://www.destinationrx.com).

**CANADIAN MAIL ORDER:** Two US nonprofits help Americans of any age fill prescriptions from licensed Canadian pharmacies by mail order: The Minnesota Senior Federation, at (877)645-0261, ext. 124, or [www.mnseniors.org](http://www.mnseniors.org), and the United Health Alliance, at (866)633-7482 or [www.medicineassist.org](http://www.medicineassist.org).

This report does not imply the endorsement of AARP.

For convenience and reference, all of the web sites in this article may also be found in the interesting web sites list on page 8 in this newsletter.

### **Interesting Web Sites**

This is a starter list. Tell us about any additional ones that we should list in a future *DEC'ed Out*.

If you don't have a computer at home call your local library and ask if they have computers available



to access the Internet for their patrons.

**NOTE:** In the interest of conserving space the required prefix **http://www** has been left all of the names.

For reference purposes all of the web sites mentioned in this newsletter are included within this list.

For an electronic copy of this list send e-mail Bob Moore with the words "DRA Web Site List" in the subject line.

Digital Retirees Association makes no endorsement of any of these sites.

**123inkjets.com**..... Computer printer ink cartridges  
**aarp.net**.....Association of Retired Persons  
**aarp.org/drive**.... Information about Driver Safety Program  
**aarp-pharmacy.com**.....Discount mail order  
**awea.org**.....American Wind Energy Association  
**batterysupply.com**.. Thomas Distributing - Battery supply  
**benefitscheckup.org**....prescription drugs programs that you might qualify for  
**brightguy.com**..... specialized flashlights  
**buycheapsoftware.com**..... Cheap but legal software  
**computersurplusoutlet.com**... Computer parts - surplus  
**compaqbigband.com**..... Information about the band  
**cyberguys.com**..... Computer parts new  
**dcresource.com**.....Digital Camera reviews  
**dcu.org**.....Digital Credit Union  
**decalumni.com**.....DEC Alumni  
**destinationrx.com**.....Comparison of several discount mail order drug programs  
**findanisp.com**.....Find the cheapest Internet provider with a local, for you, dialup number  
**google.com**..... When you don't know where to look give them a word or two for a list of lots of possibilities  
**healthylgs.com**.....Support stockings  
**helpingpatients.org**..drug company assistance programs  
**hungersite.com**..... Great place to help fight world hunger  
**idt.net/products/unlimited**.. Unlimited telephone service  
**komando.com**.....Kim Komando - computer help

### Thanks to All Who Submitted Stuff

Thanks to those who responded to the plea for articles for this newsletter. Though an occasional e-mail or bumping into someone someplace we feel that most of us are doing okay.

We would like to be able to report on what **YOU** might be doing or where you have been since we

..... (tip just one "m" in the name)  
**langa.com**..... Langa List - free computer newsletter  
**ld.net/?lakeside**..... Cheapest long distance telephone  
**lhh.org**.....League for the hard of hearing  
**medicineassist.org** Two non profit organizations helping  
**mnseniors.org** Americans use Canadian pharmacies  
**namesecure.com**.....Internet domain availability and ownership information  
**rxassist.org** Details of drug company discount cards, careful there is also an rxassist.com  
**skyandtelescope.com**..... Customized Sky Chart for your city or town, bunch of other stuff  
**support.microsoft.com**..... Microsoft support  
**switchboard.com**.....Great for finding phone numbers and addresses – solved many problems with DRA membership list maintenance  
**teraserver.microsoft.com**..... Topographic maps and aerial photos on-line  
**tricare.osd.mil**..... see description for va.gov for  
**truthorfiction.com**.... Good place to check out messages you get that have been sent to long lists of recipients and sound a little questionable  
**va.gov** for military retiree or dependent, including current, widowed or divorced spouse  
**warmwoman.com**..... Warm Woman - conquer the cold  
**weatherforyou.com**..... Free service offering daily e-mail message with the weather for your locality some interesting sidebars about the weather  
**wunderground.com**.....Weather Underground

all left Digital. Let this newsletter be one of the places where "we'll be seeing you" as mentioned in the SERPer memory (page 6).

So when something neat happens or you visit some neat place tell us know. A future *DEC'ed Out* will tell everyone else.

Let us hear from you. E-mail or clean copy.

**REVIEWERS**  
**ACTION REQUIRED**  
**Interesting Comment**

We asked a member with a low Digital badge number how long he had worked at Digital. His response: "My start date was 10/10/59, we did not have badge numbers in the early days so when I went on a military leave of absence I was issued 115 when I returned. I looked into it and I would have had badge #44 based on hire date but the guy that had it died very young from pancreatic cancer and being somewhat superstitious I did not ask for my "rightful" badge # and kept #115."