



DECconnection

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

Events

EVENT "HOLD THE DATES":

* Phoenix AZ Semi-Annual lunch for Spring will be April 1, 2017 at Santisi Brothers.

Contact: Galen Davis, galendavis@aol.com

* 15th Annual Digital Reunion for the Colorado Springs group (CXO) will be held

THURSDAY April 27, 2017 at the Academy Hotel. Please RSVP now to

cosdecreunion@yahoo.com

* June 4, 2017: Scottish Music Concert and Dinner at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury MA will be the first event in Maynard area for 2017. Contact, and send suggestions for events to info@deconnection.org.

Digital and the Industry

Here's another view of what went wrong at Digital. See Hot Negative Chapter 3 from Jack Falvey on the demise of Digital Equipment Corporation:

http://www.falvey.org/hot_neg_ch3.shtml

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during February:

Jackie Awerman, Ken Bernier (FL), Greg Bassett (Switzerland), Chris Battista (NY), Jack Burness (CO), Eileen DerGurahian (MA), Jay Frazee (CO), Les Goldman (FL), Roger Harris (WA), Fred Kraus (AZ), Clare MacDonald-Sugrowe (MD), Jane Mann (MA), Steve Petty (NC), Gary Piel (CO), Beryl Sachs (MD), Caleb Stewart (MA), Steven Taylor (MA), Frans Vandermolen (FL), and Robert Watson (MA).



It's a new year and time to 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.

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

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



■ **Jay Frazee** writes: I've been in Denver, CO for 20 years after moving from the East Coast. Currently I am on the Board of the Cherry Creek Chamber of Commerce and Director of Membership & Sponsorship recruiting. Photo at right.

jfrazee1@gmail.com

■ **Beryl Sachs** writes: Six years ago Jean & I moved back to our hometown in Baltimore, MD. 44 years ago we married and I joined DEC in NC.

b.sachs@verizon.net

■ **Dale Rutschow** is unfortunately back in hospice as he is weakening progressively. He sends thanks for our note, saying he was so pleased to hear from at least six former co-workers: "It was so nice to discuss the good old DEC days. We all believe we were lucky to spend so much time with a company that probably will never happen again, one that put employees and customers above all else."

dalerutschow@comcast.net

Sad News Department

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

* Jerry Bryant, 77, Knoxville TN, 19 Feb 2017

* Thaddeus I. Ware, 85, Colorado Springs, 12 Feb 2017

* Betty J. Winberg, 91, Nashua NH, 1 Feb 2017

* Allan Titcomb, 31 Jan 2017

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

Website Features and Updates

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

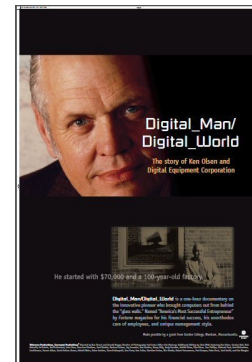
- The PBS video of the documentary about Ken and the history of DEC, **Digital_Man/Digital_World**, is available online (\$25+s/h) from the PBS store:

[http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?](http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=13315614)

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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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