



# DECconnection

A professional association for networking organization of 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 planning for the Colorado Springs group (CXO) has begun and the contract is signed. This year's reunion will be held THURSDAY April 27, 2017 at the Academy Hotel. Please note change from years past on Fridays.

Contact: Lorrie Marzulla, lmarzulla@comcast.net

Your DEC Connection Board will be meeting shortly to plan 2017 events. As always your input and requests are welcome! Email [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org).

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## Digital and the Industry

We've received several cool contributions for the DEC Connection online promotional museum. Thanks to Gary Piel ([p\\_gp372107@msn.com](mailto:p_gp372107@msn.com)) and Alex Tellert ([atellert@comcast.net](mailto:atellert@comcast.net)) for their photos of RSX Wizardry, PDP-11 Games, and the LSI-11 Banner from Hamilton-Avnet. [Click here for our online Promotional Museum.](#)

Eagle-eyed Jerry Bernath sent in the surprising news that The Voder, shown by Bell Labs at the 1939 World's Fair, was [the first machine to create human speech](#).

Jerry says: And I thought DEC was responsible?

TRYING TO LOCATE: Bob Flemings would like to contact Robert Buckley, GIA DECUS Mgr early 80s. Pls email: [raflemings@gmail.com](mailto:raflemings@gmail.com)

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## DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during January:

Carolyn Baker (MD), Margaret Britt (FL), Art Clockedile (MA), Gene Cronin (NC), Judith Culver (MA), Star Dargin (NH), Jim Evans (MA), Rose Ann Giordano (MA), Colleen Goleman (NH), Bob Graham (MA), Dick Helliwell (NV), Jacky Hovey (MA), Ray Humphrey (FL), Lois Levick (MA), Thomas Montague (MA), Peter Ross (MA), Lou Rubino (MA), Rini Sofka (MA), Nancy Tanana (MA), and David Wallace (NC).



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](mailto: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](mailto: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@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org) See [our NewsByte archive page](#).

■ **Karen Hamilton** wrote in with a unique item of Digital memorabilia - a RECIPE book! You'll never guess what I just came across! *Look What We've Cooked-Up! Digital's Delectable Dishes*. Recipes submitted by the employees of Digital Equipment of Canada Ltd (Kanata). Couldn't find a date on it, but it does have a recipe for Nanaimo Bars – one of the best reasons to visit Canada! Yum!

Karen was kind enough to give us all the recipe! [Click here for the goodies](#).

[karenhamilton@verizon.net](mailto:karenhamilton@verizon.net)

■ **Lois Levick** writes: Just returned from a catamaran trip in Guadeloupe! It was a wonderful adventure. Even saw a pod of around twenty dolphins who had great fun playing around our boat. [loislevick@earthlink.net](mailto:loislevick@earthlink.net)



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## Sad News Department

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

- Kevin KJ Johnson, once Digital-CXO, mid-Jan 2017
- Ron Ray, 78, Midland TX - 3 Jan 2017
- David Plumer, 73 - 1 Nov. 2015

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

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## Website Features and Updates

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

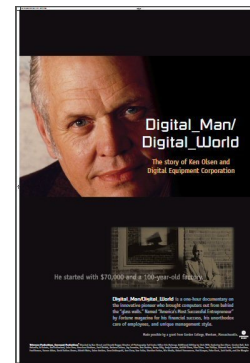
■ The PBS video of the documentary about Ken and the history of DEC, **Digital\_Man/Digital\_World**, is available online (\$25+s/h) from the PBS store:

<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](#)

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■ **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](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org). [Click on this link](#).

■ **Featured Member Entrepreneur** - Email [ava@deconnection.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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