



DECconnection

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

Events

EVENT "HOLD THE DATES":

* 15th Annual Digital Reunion for the Colorado Springs group (CXO) will be held THURSDAY April 27, 2017 at the Academy Hotel. 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.

A little plug for a Compaq Big Band event Sunday April 2 in Leominster MA at [Dance2Swing](#) at the Elks Club: Admission's only \$14, the Elks has a great floor, plus lots of free parking and an inexpensive full bar. Doors open 6:00pm. There's a group-friendly lesson 6:45pm-7:30pm then we play with guest Vocalists Ed Scheer and Marina Evans from 7:30pm-10:30pm. Casual dress. Dancers of all abilities are all welcomed, with or w/o partner. 134 North Main Street in Leominster, MA.

Digital and the Industry

Digital gear lives!!! We were contacted this month by a company in the Minneapolis area - Twin Cities Digital in Minnesota specializes in keeping the DEC brand alive - accepting and reselling DEC products among many others. [Check them out here.](#)

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during March:

Martha Arnum (NC), Kathy Caisse (MA), Mike Carroll (MA), Judy Finman (MA), Cindy Hamilton (NH), Don Holden (NH), Jim Higgins (MA), Maryellen Kennedy (MA), Malcolm Krongelb (MA), Daryl Long (MA), Carole Metropolis (NH), Alan Miller (FL), Carol Irvin Mitchell (NC), Nancy Mongelli (MA), James Montague, Sr. (MA), Roland Olivier (NH), Derrell Piper (NM), Mike Raczkowski (AZ), Ellen Simarano (MA), and Ed Vrablik (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.
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DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

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

We are pleased that this month we have several happy reports of retirements and other personal updates. Please keep these coming!

* **Pat Molloy** reports that she is now happily retired after 24 years at DEC and 18 years as a consultant on sales performance. She decided that it was about time to rediscover why she moved to Marco Island, FL in the first place. She is now spending time relaxing, going to the beach, and enjoying the many friends she has made since she moved to Marco 13 years ago. pat@thesalesalliance.com

* **Barbara Gavin** of West Hartford CT wrote in asking us to "please delete the work phone, I am happily retired." bar1005@yahoo.com

* **Roland Olivier** writes: Moved back home to Milan, NH in 2013 after retiring as General Counsel for a publicly traded water company. Now practicing law in my own firm Law Offices of Roland E. Olivier, PLLC in Berlin and Milan, NH. lawconsult09@yahoo.com

* **Bob Watson** writes: I retired after 33 years with DEC, CPQ, and HP in 2005. We live in Groton, Mass and are planning a move to North Carolina sometime in May or June this year. I spent my 33 years in one position or another in Field Service, retiring in 2005. Since retiring I've worked part time with home contractors, herb wholesaler, and most recently as the Facilities Coordinator for a local school district, a full time position from which I retired for good in June 2016. How time flies. Bob has a question: Because we are moving south, I am trying to find out which of our HP retirement bennies we can take with us, i.e. health, dental, home & auto insurance, etc. "myhpbenefits" said I have to give a move date and home address before they can help me. Have any of you moved and can give some insight? thanks! buckbo@verizon.net

* **Mike Carroll** writes: I am still with HPE but will be moving to DXC effective April 3, 2017 as part of the ES spin & merge with CSC. Outside of work I am enjoying Grandparenthood with our 3 grandchildren. dvc2276@gmail.com

* **Kathy Caisse** writes: I will be retiring this Friday, March 31st! It is bittersweet for me because I love my job and the people that I work with... I have been with True North Hotel Group for the past 12 years. It's been an amazing experience working for Marriott and Hilton brand hotels. Looking forward to enjoying more family time and this new adventure in my life... katrina76594@gmail.com

Sad News Department

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

- * Rick Faubert, 80, Wellesley MA, 28 Feb 2017
- * Larry Stahl, 18 Feb 2017 - son Riley would appreciate hearing from Larry's former co-workers at Digital via email Rileystahl562@gmail.com or Facebook.
- * Randy Dearborn, 63, Camas WA, 17 Feb 2017
- * Carol Mountfort, 76, Alamosa CO, 31 Dec 2016
- * Carroll Wright, 68, New Braunfels TX, 18 Dec 2016

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

Website Features and Updates

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

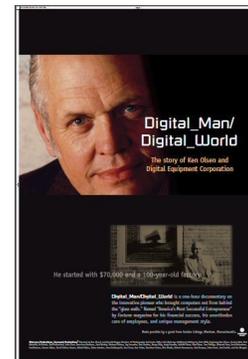
■ The PBS video of the documentary about Ken and the history of DEC, **Digital_Man/Digital_World**, is available online (\$25+s/h) from the PBS store:

[http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?](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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