



DECconnection

A professional association representing organization for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

Events

LAST CALL 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 a potluck 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 (if you can bring a food item it will be appreciated).



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 info@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.



ANNOUNCING our Summer 2017 Maynard-area Event at Kimball Farm

The DECconnection summer event this year will be held at Kimball Farm, 400 Littleton Road, Westford, MA the afternoon of Sunday, August 20th, from 1-4 PM.

Lots of fun to be had for everyone with games, rides, food, drinks and of course their famous ice cream. You can see what they have to offer by visiting their website at <http://kimballfarm.com/>.

DECconnection will provide \$10 gift certificates for all paid-up registered members – these can be spent on anything that takes your fancy (food, drinks, rides, games, ice cream, etc.) Non-members/guests are welcome to join us, but will not receive a gift certificate. You pay for your own rides, food, etc. otherwise.

To sign up (no advance tickets required, but we'd appreciate knowing if you plan to attend so we can reserve tables together) please email info@deconnection.org with your name, email address, and # of attendees. In the event of rain, outing will be postponed 1 week. We'll announce cancellation on our website home page.

Other SAVE-THE-DATES:

* Semi-annual Phoenix luncheon at Santisi Brothers Pizza will be Saturday, November 4, 2017, at noon

* 16th annual DEC CXO reunion will be held on Thursday, April 26th, 2018

Digital and the Industry

Thanks to Jack MacKeen for letting us know about the new Revolution Factory: an incubator-type environment that just started up in the Maynard Mill. It was officially launched on May 11, 2017. For info, see their website: www.revfactory.com



DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during May:

Bob Brownson (MA), Mike Carlton (NH), Rod Flakes (MA), Ellie Gadomski (MA), Dale Gunn (MA), Vartkes Hovsepian (MA), Jim Kelley (NH), Alice Thayer (MA), and Alan Williamson (Australia).



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.

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 a few more personal updates. Please keep these coming!

■ **Luis Burgos** writes: I have relocated to Massachusetts. Made it through the acquisition of DEC to Compaq, and Compaq to HP before getting laid off. Back at HPE again for round 2! lburgos@charter.net

■ **Vartkes Hovsepian** writes: Currently living in Westford with my wife Nina who has been working 12 yrs at DCU. I am Community Services Director at New Horizons Senior Retirement Community in Marlboro. Enjoy tennis and hiking in my spare time. yergeenk@yahoo.com

■ New member **Dale Gunn** writes: Left HP/EDS in November 2008 having worked there since 2000 after being laid off from Digital in November 1992. Retired from corporate work force in 2009 turning 66. Now working with top financial coaches Orrin & Laurie Woodward, Chris & Terri Brady, and Jerry & Polly Harteis helping build communities of people to get out of debt, make more money, and pay less tax through LIFE Leadership. dgunn@gmail.com

Sad News Department

Sadly, we have one death of a former Digital employee to report:

* Marge Paul, 89, Maynard MA, 5 April 2017

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

Website Features and Updates

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

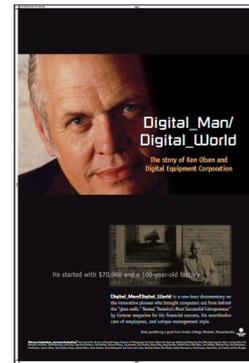
■ The PBS video of the documentary about Ken and the history of DEC, **Digital_Man/Digital_World**, is available online (\$25+s/h) from the PBS store:

[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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