

News-at-a-Glance from The DEC Connection!



Here's the latest news about The DEC Connection, its members, events, and information on the website <http://www.deconnection.org/>.

2008 Membership and Renewals

Welcome to our 4 newest members, Ron Hatfield, Bill Ferara and Jerry Bernath in FL, and Steve Kirchoff in TX. Great to have you aboard!

Renewals Dec 2007-April 2008: Our membership has been very responsive to the Please Pay Dues messages that were sent via News-at-a-Glance (NAAG) and by e-mail. We think that we have acknowledged all of the checks and charges by either e-mail or paper mail. If we haven't please send jayhawkbob@verizon.net a message with simple details of your payment, check, cash or charge; check number; and amount.

We also think that the webmaster has welcomed everyone who has joined for the first time or renewed membership (please tell her if not: webmaster@deconnection.org).

During the five months referenced we have had 286 people join The DEC Connection or renew for 2008. During that time nine (9) have withdrawn their membership. Two of these were former DRA members and the other seven had joined at one of our events and chose not to renew.



From our membership stats, Bob Moore analyzed our US regional distribution using the NCAA college basketball Regional scenario: East 417; Southeast 38; West 33; Midwest 27; International, 11.

Our push was to get folks paid up for 2008 and that was good. Presently our overall membership is paid up for: 2016 1; 2013 1; 2012 5; 2011 6; 2010 15; 2009 86; 2008 345; 2007 137; 2006 43; 2005 9. Special congratulations to Vahram Erdekian from Chatham MA who initially joined for 10 years! 😊

Don't forget that when you join The DEC Connection, you get access not only to our own Member Forum, but also to our new Group on LinkedIn. Send your request thru LinkedIn.

Update on Events & Activities for 2008

- Summer event: a Lowell Spinners Baseball Game!

If you have not secured the limited number of tickets to the Lowell Spinners, a Red Sox farm team, for a 1:15 PM afternoon game on Sunday, August 3, 2008 in Lowell, MA, [do so now on our website](#). You will have to be a 2008 paid member to participate.

The park is a terrific place to watch a ball game and there is even a kids' amusement area in the left field outfield. The box seat tickets are only \$7.00. Bring the kids!

CHAPTER NEWS

- The Florida Chapter held its first get-together on Friday, April 18th in Boca Raton at a gathering place popular with the former Latin American/Caribbean Region team - the Big City Tavern outdoor patio. It was a nice reunion with some two dozen DECcies returning - Jerry Bernath drove 2 hours from Melbourne FL for the party. Thanks to Ron Hatfield and Mary Thomas for organization help and My-Quan Tran and Guillermo Fierro for sending photos. You can see our photo gallery on the [Florida chapter page on the DEC Connection website](#).
- The New Hampshire Chapter is planning a Speaker/Networking Series - **CALL FOR SPEAKERS**. If you would be willing to speak at an upcoming event - please contact Barbara Langdon at blangdon@marketmomentumllc.com or 603-493-1331. Here are some sample themes we know to be of interest from our survey, or suggest your own!
 1. Small Business Development
 2. Application of New or Emerging Technologies
 3. Investing & Personal Finance
 4. Networking & Job-Searching Advice



John D. Reilly wins our Just 4 Fun March Madness Contest

Congratulations John D. Reilly for being the only one to correctly name The Final Four in this year's contest - which were, based on seeding: UCLA, Kansas, Memphis, and North Carolina.

There were 16 e-mail entries and we all did pretty well in picking the Final Four -11 picked Kansas, 6 Memphis, 15 North Carolina, and 10 UCLA, that is as good as The Boston Globe sports writers did.

Additional congratulations to DEC Connection President Bob Moore (jayhawkbob@verizon.net) for having his alma mater Kansas emerge as the Final One!



John wins two tickets to the Lowell Spinners baseball game on August 3rd.

We'll have more of these fun events during the months to come.

Update on the Website

Our Member Forum now has 600 members registered online! If you haven't checked it out, take a look!

- We need some member Entrepreneurs of the Month! This is a great opportunity to get some free publicity with your DEC Connection membership - send your business profile and a photo to webmaster@decconnection.org.
- [New member Caleb Stewart has posted a Job Available for graphic artists in MA/NH](#) in our Member Forum.
- Use our great new list about Who to Call for What info at HP - for questions about your retirement, your stock plan, etc. See item on our home page.
- If you're a paid-up member, you can now join our Group on LinkedIn. Go to [DEC Connection LinkedIn group](#) on our website.



- If you have trouble logging into the Forum... type your username and then password in *slowly*... it should work the second time, at worst. 😊

HP Connections

HP has a monthly alumni newsletter, the HP New England Initiative, that all former Digital employees can sign up to receive? E-mail your request to hpneinitiative@hp.com. The April 17 issue had write-ups on "Life after HP" for former Digital employees Jack Novia and Barrie Hunter. We are posting stories written about DEC Connection members (so far, Ron Olson, Bob Farquhar and Martha Phinney Goodwine) on the DEC Connection website Publicity page in the Members section).



Did you know that actual Digital retirees (vs. former employees) are eligible to participate in the HP Employee Purchase Program? [Detailed instructions are found on our DEC Connection website on the HP Retiree page.](#)

The DEC Innovation Legacy

Member Mary Cole recently suggested that we assemble a listing of businesses started as spinoffs from DEC, or established by former employees of Digital. Submissions have been slow arriving so far, so we're reannouncing - don't assume someone else submitted it - please do!

We'll compile your contributions - send to webmaster@deconnection.org:

- Company name, location
- Founder names
- Date established, and is business still ongoing
- Short description of business
- Number of employees and/or revenue
- Website and other Contact info



We'll publish the results and refer you to related sources of information.

Please forward this e-mail to your DEC friends and [don't forget to join up!](#)

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