

August 2014 News-at-a-Glance



EVENTS and Announcements

- A small but enthusiastic group enjoyed the Tattoo concert at the Nashua Library on July 31st. [Photos on our website](#). **Cancelled - Friday Sept 5: Free wine-tasting at the Cava de Vino retail store.**
- This month, sadly, we are aware of three upcoming family and friends Memorial/Celebration of Life services open to former associates of My-Quan Tran (FL, Aug 29/30), John Loether (MA, Sep 8), and Bob Hughes (MA, Sep 13). See Sad News section below and additional instructions on [website Memorial page](#).
- **Special Offer** from Barb Finer for DEC Connection members to try out **TechSandBox** programs: During the rest of 2014, DEC Connection members or anyone showing an old Digital badge when they register at the door will get \$20 off (which is free for more than half the programs). Go to www.techsandbox.org/calendar.html for dates of [programs](#), [SIGs](#), etc. Lots of Digital alums are already taking advantage of these terrific resources for networking and learning. Be sure to check out "Office Hours with Experts" - currently pro bono! Help celebrate TechSandBox' 1-year anniversary and new 501c3 status! Questions? barb@techsandbox.org or 508-485-7263. TechSandBox™ Inc., 105B South Street Hopkinton, MA 01748



DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our New and Renewing Members:

Vickie Farrell, Win Hindle, and Gail Morello

Spread the news! Please forward this e-newsletter to your Digital friends and get them to [sign up for membership](#) and/or [the free newsletter](#).

Membership Renewal Procedure:

Best method to renew: Click this 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 for you - no leading or trailing spaces and it should work - email webmaster@deconnection.org for help.

- You can also **join** us (or renew) at www.deconnection.org/join.htm
- You can also send a check 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 - please do NOT use any of the Board members' personal email addresses.

Staying on our email list: Our newsletter contact manager disables emails if the recipient mail server sends a rejection notice. If in the future you don't receive News-at-a-Glance, or if you change your email address, re-register for our free e-news at <http://www.deconnection.org/mail.htm>

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes: send yours to:

webmaster@deconnection.org [See our new NewsByte archive page.](#)

- **Tom Pulsifer** writes: Been selling Real Estate since I retired... laid off in 2003 from HP after 36 yrs with the Trio. Lived in the No. GA Mtns since 1998. Met Pam from New Orleans a wonderful lady who stole my heart after moving to Atlanta from Maine in 1991 and married in 1992 after being single for 13 years. Our house is on the market and when we sell we are moving to Pam's hometown of New Orleans where I will spend the rest of my life! pulsiferT@gmail.com
- **Arthur Lampert** wrote in to share the neat memorabilia at right: I worked in Israel, which was based in Herzliya, north of Tel Aviv, until it moved to Ra'anana, just to the east of Herzliya. I began in June 1988 and stayed through the transition to Compaq and then HP, where I still work. My jobs have changed, of course. arthur.lampert@hp.com
 - The DEC auto decals were used to identify company cars in Israel. The rainbow decals were very old, used when the standard company car was the Subaru 1600. Then came the blue logo decals in Hebrew, which were eventually replaced by the red ones in English. The keyboard is from my old VAX workstation. Note the Hebrew secondary character set.



Sad News Department

The Digital community is greatly saddened by these recent deaths:

- John B. Loether, 69, of Berlin MA on August 22
- My-Quan Tran, 64, Boca Raton FL on August 18
- Linda D. Brooks, 65, of Merrimack NH on August 8
- Fred Bell of Port Charlotte FL on July 15

Memorial services announced for Bob Hughes, My-Quan Tran and John Loether.

[Details are on our Memorials Page](#)

Website Updates

- Know someone who is leaving HP? Please pass the word to anyone leaving HP to use the HP Alumni Association's "ASAP Checklist" immediately. It has advice and mutual help -- developed by HPAA members -- on the many things you have to do before you lose access to HP's internal systems. Thanks to Curt Gowan for this posting. Go to <http://www.hpalumni.org/asap> (HPAA membership not required.)
- Thanks to Curt Gowan, HPAA, [for this link to important information](#) on "**Maximizing your Social Security benefits**" from the 5/7/15 HPAA webinar.



- 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 on their computers, the free version is: <http://video.wfyi.org/video/2282149336/>
- 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 always collect your unusual, humorous or just favorite DEC stories. Email them to webmaster@deconnection.org. [Click on this link](#) to enjoy.
- Featured Member Entrepreneur - Email webmaster with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.
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