

## August 2015 News-at-a-Glance



### Events

- The DEC Connection Open House at the Antiques and Collectibles Mall in Greenville NH was very nice!
  - sponsored by DEC Connection Member **Michalene Kosinski, our Featured Entrepreneur** (below, right)
  - [See details at this link.](#)
  - Two DEC Connection members, Marilyn Jenney, her friend Gretchen Karlson, and Ava Schutzman, chat with Michalene Kosinski before making their purchases at the Open House.



- Save these dates for events coming up:
  - 7 Nov 2015 - Phoenix AZ semi-annual lunch at Santisi's Sports Bar, Phoenix. AZ at 12:00 noon
  - 24 Feb 2016 - SW Florida, Naples FL
  - 22 Apr 2016 - Colorado Springs 14th Annual Reunion

### DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to new and renewing members: **Jim Barclay (MA), Walter Barnes (CA), Faye Detsky-Weil (CA), and Jim Wilkey (NH).**

**Membership Renewal Procedure:** 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 - no leading or trailing spaces - email [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org) for help.

- You can also join us (or renew) at [www.deconnection.org/join-online.htm](http://www.deconnection.org/join-online.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](mailto:registrations@deconnection.org) - do NOT use any Board member's personal email address.

**Staying on our email list:** Our newsletter contact manager removes names if the recipient mail server sends a rejection notice. If you haven't received DEC Connection's News-at-a-Glance in a while, or you changed your email address, re-register for our free e-news at: <http://www.deconnection.org/mail.htm>

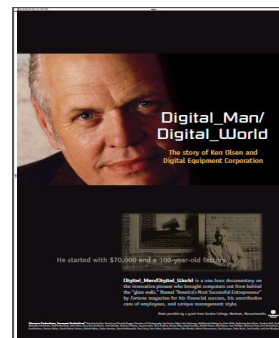
**DEC Connection Member NewsBytes:** send yours to: [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org).

[See our NewsByte archive page.](#)

- **Jim Barclay** writes: After 35 years of DEC/Compaq/HP I decided to return to public safety; a vocation that complies with the Digital Way. [ema@royalston-ma.gov](mailto:ema@royalston-ma.gov)
- From **Faye Detsky-Weil:** I left DEC in 1986 after six years, having worked at Parker Street in Maynard, MA in the Tax Department and Educational Services. My family and I moved to San Diego, CA. In 1989, I joined Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), then headquartered in San Diego, as an Instructional Designer. After close to 14 years, I went to work for L-3 Communications for nine years. I was active in the school systems and on the local community planning board. I acquired an ABA-approved Paralegal certificate and have been serving as an Ethics Commissioner on the San Diego Ethics Commission. I trained to become a California-registered volunteer Medicare Counselor and now volunteer at Elder Law & Advocacy as a Medicare Counselor for the Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP). I also volunteer as a legal assistant for the Nursing Home Rights Enforcement Program. [detskyweil@gmail.com](mailto:detskyweil@gmail.com)
- **Tavo Diaz** writes: Started at Digital in early 1974 and survived the Compaq and HP mergers until retired (non-voluntarily) in 2009. The years at Digital shaped my life with incredible positive experiences. [tavo@tavodiaz.com](mailto:tavo@tavodiaz.com)
- From **Joe Valof:** Joe recently wrote an essay based on his first Northeastern University [NU] co-op job in 1951 at the National wool Marketing Corp which was located on Summer St in Boston. The essay is a historical review of Summer St which was considered as the wool capital of the world, and is now a high tech Innovation District. The complete essay can be viewed on Joe's website, [www.iccatty.com](http://www.iccatty.com).

## Website Updates:

- [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)
- **US - Medicare webinar presentations and Q-and-A** now online: Medicare is much more complex than one would think... and there can be some expensive surprises. The presentations and Q-and-A from the HPAA Medicare webinar are now online. 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. Again thanks to Curt Gowan for this valuable advice.
- A handy list of health-related resources for "near-seniors" is on our [Links page](#).
- If you know someone who has been offered the HP 2014 U.S. Phased Retirement Program, please send them this link: <http://www.hpalumni.org/PRP>  
This independent site has advice and reference info from HP alumni who have gone through previous retirement/layoff cycles. We also have an email list for updated info and moderated discussions. Thanks to Curt Gowan for this info.
- 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.)

- 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: <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 are still collecting your unusual, humorous or just favorite DEC stories. Email them to [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org). They should be one page or less and be entertaining to our members. [Click on this link](#).
- Featured Member Entrepreneur - Email webmaster with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.
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