

**We wish a happy New Year to all our members and friends!**

**2009 was a good year for The DEC Connection.** We brought you a new program series, **Member-Helping-Member Concalls**, which was extremely successful - talented members sharing their skills to help other DEC Connection members find jobs and stay positive in a tough economy. Members can still access concall recordings and/or slides on our website. Contact [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org) for help in doing so.

**We also enjoyed some live events:** Wine Tasting Socials in Bedford NH and Stow MA, a party in Delray Beach FL, a dinner in Raleigh NC, a DEC Big Band Concert in Merrimack NH. We promoted reunions for DEC friends in Westfield, Colorado Springs, Albuquerque, and Germany.

We featured [Entrepreneurs](#) Lin Schimel, Caleb Stewart, Bob Schuetz, and Zul Abbany. (See the archive if you missed any), and started our Member NewsByte column (below) with personal/professional updates of members (send YOURS now).

**We also want to remind members that it's time to renew your DECconnection membership for 2010.**

We will very soon send an email to members to let you know whether you are paid up already, or that your renewals are due in January. Thanks for continuing to support us! If you haven't joined, you can do so now at [www.deconnection.org/join.htm](http://www.deconnection.org/join.htm)



## **Follow up Survey of Digital Retirees re: HP Open Enrollment changes**

Thank you, if you have already told [jayhawkbob@verizon.net](mailto:jayhawkbob@verizon.net) that you retired from DEC before 1996. You are one of 47 who have done so and there must be a lot more of you. Please send an email and tell him your full name while at DEC, the year you retired, and your current 5 digit postal code and your badge number, if you remember it. Bob Moore would like to hear from you, even if you are not a DEC Connection member. We'll keep you posted on what we learn.

## **Membership Updates**

Welcome to our new members since last issue: Brian Breault, Bob Johnston, Ed LoTurco, Mike Noeth, and Jan Wozniak.

Re-welcome to our renewing (R) members: Ellie Gadomski, Betty Lynch, Richard Manion, Aline Migrants, Bob Morrison, Rini Sofka, and Lloyd Tucker.

Great to have you all aboard!



**Featured Member Entrepreneur:** [Meet Zul Abbany and Stromasys, Inc.](#) - a virtualization company that keeps DEC products alive for our loyal users. Zul organized our Carolinas chapter and hosted its first meeting in October 2009. Photo of Zul is at right.

If you are a DEC Connection member and would like to be a featured entrepreneur contact [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org).

**DECconnection Newsbytes** - Members please send news you'd like to share to: [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org).

- **Pauline Church** has moved from CA to MA (Maynard area) and is looking for a job in Purchasing. If you know of any openings please let her know at [churchp@aol.com](mailto:churchp@aol.com). Her resume is posted in our Jobs Wanted topic in the Member Forum.
- From **Terry Sarandrea** - I am currently the Office Manager at RSM McGladrey, Burlington, MA. I am on the board of Commonwealth Cats, [www.commonwealthcats.org](http://www.commonwealthcats.org), a non-profit that sponsors monthly spay/neuter/vaccination clinics for feral and unowned cats in Massachusetts. I am active in TNR (trap/neuter/release) of feral/unowned cats, and provide foster care to cats until they are adopted.
- Congrats to our member **Alan Earls** who recently published an article about DEC, mentioning Gordon Bell's and Harlan Anderson's new books:

<http://www.masshightech.com/stories/2009/11/30/daily23-DEC-may-be-gone-but-its-not-forgotten.html>

## Website Updates

- Updated Board Officers and Directors on [Contact Us](#) page of our website.
- Annual Meeting presentation and Financial report are posted in Member Forum. Only members who are logged in can see the attachments.
- Be sure to take advantage of our Member Business page listings: [www.deconnection.org/MemberBusinesses.htm](http://www.deconnection.org/MemberBusinesses.htm) Paid-up members can send your info to [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org) to be included.
- If you are a member you are entitled to join our Linked In DECconnection Group at no additional charge. Send email to [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org) or from within LinkedIn to request being added.

