

December 2013 News-at-a-Glance



DEC Connection wishes everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous, Healthy New Year!

A short issue with New Year Wishes for a healthy and prosperous year!
It's time to renew memberships, if you can and are due; instructions are below.
Thanks for your support!

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new members: **Warren Kimball, Emilie Schmidt, David M. Wallace**
And a hearty Re-welcome to our renewing members: **Jann Mann** and **Michael Raczkowski**

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 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: www.deconnection.org/mail.htm

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes: send yours to:

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

- **David M. Wallace** is Global Financial Services Marketing Manager for SAS Institute, working at SAS headquarters in Cary NC. David has been with SAS since April 2008. His focus is on the banking and capital market segments of the global financial services industry. davidmwallace@triad.rr.com
- **Remi Verweken** writes: I will officially retire (salary will be paid by the German Pension insurance fund) on 01/01/2014. I will stay in Business with my own IT-Company CTSC (Computer Technology, Support & Consulting) based in Germany. remi.verweken@verweken.de
- From new member **Emilie Schmidt**: I am currently Manager of IT Strategy & Process at the US Postal Service in Raleigh, NC. My 10 year anniversary there pretty much coincided to the day the end of care giving responsibilities for my Mom. I feel the opportunity to re-energize my life and what better way than to connect with interesting people from DEC! emilie.e.schmidt@gmail.com

[DEC Stories on our website](#) - Send in your story to webmaster@deconnection.org

Volunteer Opportunities

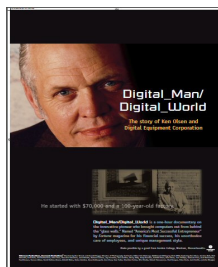
This holiday season share your skills and experience, connect with others and make a difference through SOAR 55

If you are interested in connecting to community, feeling a sense of purpose and accomplishment, meeting new people, and using your skills and experiences in a new way, consider [volunteering](#)

through SOAR 55. Opportunities include provide 1:1 employment navigation and support to individuals working to break through poverty and chronic low-income status as a Career Coach; expand a Historical Society's existing IT infrastructure and develop an IT strategic plan as a IT Technical/Planner; provide recommendations on strategies that will help a Performing Arts Center raise their profile and performances of their arts and educational activities in the MetroWest region as a Marketing and Public Relations Consultant; help children improve their reading or math skills, so critical for future success as a Learning Partner; assist consumers with issues through education, referrals to other services and mediation of written complaints as a Consumer Mediator; help elderly seniors stay connected to community life and age with self respect and wellness by driving them once or twice a week (no more than 6 miles) to events and appointments as an Aging in Place Driver; work with military and civilian media organizations to promote public understanding of the ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) mission as a Public Affairs Specialist; help individuals improve their English language skills and participate in society more successfully as an ESL Tutor and much more! For more information please contact Lois Levick at 508-532-5570, ext. 4353 or at llevick@minilib.net. To learn more go to www.ncscweb.org/programs/soar55 and find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/soar55volunteer.

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.)
- 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 are still collecting your unusual, humorous or just favorite DEC stories. Email them to webmaster@deconnection.org. They should be one page or less and be entertaining to our members. [Click on this link](#) to enjoy the ones submitted so far.
- Featured Member Entrepreneur - Email webmaster 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 within LinkedIn to be added or [email webmaster](#)..



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