



December 2015 News-at-a-Glance

Events

- Wrap-up for December Software/Services Reunion in Marlboro, MA:

More than 20 people joined Tavo Diaz and his wife, Lisa, on the semiannual HP Services/Software Services reunion that has taken place for many years, coordinated initially by Fred Kulas and Tavo taking over early on 2015. The conversation topics were many, but obviously the main one was on what people are doing these days and remembrances of the old days. About half of them stayed for dinner where the jovial atmosphere was maintained. Tavo is already planning the early summer reunion. If interested in attending, send an email to Tavo at tavo@tavodiaz.com.

Happy and Healthy 2016 from The Connection!



Coming up:

- Thurs. 25 Feb 2016 - SW Florida, Naples FL - Info: Sally Hering, sahering@msn.com
- Sat. 2 Apr 2016 - Semi-annual Phoenix AZ luncheon at Santisi's Sports Bar. galendavis@aol.com
- Fri. 22 Apr 2016 - Colorado Springs 14th Annual Reunion at the Academy Hotel - Info: Theresa Cordova cosdecreunion@yahoo.com

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to renewing and new members: **Tony Bento (D.C.)**, **Ned Berube (MA)**, **Charlotte Cocke Conley (D.C.)**, **Elva Guile (MA)**, **Geoffrey Darnton (U.K.)**, **Jay Frazee (CO)**, and **Deborah Landwehr (NH)**.

Just a reminder that dues are payable in January so please check if you are up for renewal. Thanks!

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 for help.

- You can also join us (or renew) at 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 - do NOT use any Board member's personal email address.

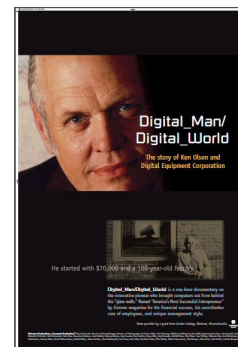
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DEC Connection Member NewsBytes: send yours to: ava@deconnection.org. [See our NewsByte archive page.](#)

- New member **Jay Frazee** writes: I worked in Sales for the DEC Financial District in NYC. Now I live in Denver, CO. On the Board of the Cherry Creek Chamber of Commerce and work there part time recruiting new Chamber members & sponsors. Also on the Board of the Cherry Creek Theatre.

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- **Jerry Bernath** writes: I just received a email from **Romeo Giussoni** who worked for Digital in HK when I also was there. He now lives in Switzerland as does his son who recently went to Italy and the Ferrari plant. Read what he said AND LOOK AT THE FRONT OF THE RACECAR! Photo at right. bernathbibi@gmail.com
From **Romeo**: Christian was visiting this week in Modena, Italy the Ferrari factory and its museum. (Photo at right.) Another century that was, DIGITAL was alive and kicking ... and sponsoring Ferrari.
- **Barrie Hunter** sent some nostalgia: I spent nearly all of 1968 and 69 in the same room with the PDP6 referenced here ([click for link](#)) - seems like (and I guess it was) a lifetime ago. To think this beast (the PDP-6) took up an entire room and had less memory and less bandwidth than the iPad I'm typing this on. barrie.hunter@earthlink.net



Sad News Department

Sadly, we have some deaths of former Digital employees to report:

- **Denis Reynolds Camp**, 71, Colorado Springs, 2 Dec 2015
- **Frank Digilio**, 84, Sandwich MA, 11 Dec 2015
- Details are on our [Memorial Page](#).

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.
- The independent Hewlett-Packard Alumni Association has a page on stock and options issues:
<http://www.hpalumni.org/stock> (Membership not required)
- 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.
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