

Happy holidays from The DEC Connection!



Here's the latest news about The DEC Connection, its members, events, and information on the website <http://www.deconnection.org/>.

NH Chapter Pops Event

DEC Connection members got into the Holiday Spirit at a Christmas concert on Sunday, December 9th at the Radisson Ballroom in Nashua. It is not everyone who can put on their resume that they have sung with the Nashua Symphony Orchestra. The music and chorus were delightful, plus we were treated to a visit by Jolly Old St. Nick, who guest conducted the orchestra. It was so nice to enjoy a Holiday Pops show, without the inconvenience of traveling into Boston or the atmosphere of being in a hockey rink. The weather forecast had called for some snow, but it held out until hours after the concert and the roads were clear for safe travels. We continued to sing Christmas Carols all the way home. Many thanks to those who attended this year's concert and allowed our group to get discounted tickets to the event, and Happy Holidays to All.



Events & Activities for 2008

- We will hold an Annual Meeting in May (place TBD -- the Mill?)
- We will hold an event (tentatively planned for September) at Gordon College to honor the opening of the Ken Olsen Science Center.
- We are also contemplating some other alternative events (Red Sox game, Boston Harbor Cruise, a picnic BBQ outing, etc.). Please sound in on your preference for any of these and suggest other alternatives by sending an Email to info@DECconnection.org.
- Are you interested in a Florida DECconnection Chapter? [Take my Survey: DECconnection in FL Interest Survey](#) You can live in or near FL year-round, or be a snowbird and take advantage of winter-month activities!
- Various events by other local groups of The DEC Connection will be announced via this newsletter and the website.



Dues Payment Changes to Calendar Year for 2008

January, 2008 Dues

If you joined The DEC Connection (formerly DECedOut/DRA) between January and June, 2007, your \$10 dues are now due. Please mail a check payable to The DEC Connection for \$10 to Jean Neal, Five Mission Road-Unit #106, North Chelmsford MA 01863.

You can also pay by credit card at www.deconnection.org/join.htm but you will have to pay an extra charge for your use of credit card.

If you joined between July and December, 2007, your next dues payment will be in January, 2009 (unless you would like to volunteer to send in the 2008 payment to help out this non-profit group).

Benefits of membership include communications via this monthly newsletter, access to all features of the website, notification of all events, and one-one and one-many communications amongst your peers.

If you owe dues, you will receive a reminder very soon. If you did not receive such a mailing by year end, please contact info@deconnection.org to make sure you have the correct information for remaining a paid member for 2008.



HP Alumni Mailing

HP has a monthly alumni mailing called The New England Initiative which DEC employees can subscribe to at: hpneinitiative@hp.com.

Also see the HP New England Initiative's [November story on The DEC Connection!](#) Click on link on our home page.



OpenVMS Turns 30!

While we have had events this year that celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Digital, VMS is also celebrating its 30th Anniversary. Here is the story from Dan Klein, VMS Marketing manager at HP.

Can you believe it? OpenVMS is celebrating its 30th anniversary and still going strong. In fact, HP has created a worldwide marketing and sales campaign to promote it. It's still the best OS ever, the one with the highest availability, and the fewest security advisories. It's still used where downtime is simply not an option and where easy management is a priority.

Help celebrate this milestone. Go to the OpenVMS anniversary web site and check out all the cool stuff their. Put a note in the guest book; order the anniversary CD; even see Mark Hurd congratulate the OpenVMS community.



And if you are a customer, enter into the oldest running OpenVMS instance contest and win a server!

www.hp.com/go/celebrate30

And finally, have a happy holiday season!

Send this mailing to friends on your Digital contact lists.

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