

Events and Resources to Celebrate the Life and Contributions of our Founder and Hero, Ken Olsen

We remember Ken with admiration, fondness and appreciation, and have sent our condolences to his family. Please do contribute your remembrance if you haven't already to be posted on our Ken Olsen Memorial page at www.deconnection.org/KOmemorials.htm. It will remain online so his extended family of relatives and employees can enjoy these touching personal tributes. Also, [consider posting your note on Gordon College's website](#) for their Digital Loggia of Technology.

The DEC Connection will participate in formal events planned by Ken's charitable beneficiary, Gordon College (255 Grapevine Road, Wenham, MA, Exit 17 from Route 128). They are holding a public Memorial Service on May 14th at 2 PM and a documentary about Ken Olsen's life is scheduled for release by the College later in 2011.

Now, you can enjoy their excellent online videos about Ken and his legacy at: www.gordon.edu/kenolsen



And, [the videos and summaries of the talks](#) by Win Hindle, Debra Armidon and Rod Sutherland from our 2008 event at the Gordon College Ken Olsen Science Center Dedication are excellent reminders of Ken's and Digital's legacies to the fields of management and technology.

We are planning additional events to honor Ken's memory over the course of the year; stay tuned for details.

Reunions already announced for 2011:

- Save the date for the Colorado Springs annual reunion: Friday, April 23rd

DEC Stories! Everyone who has ever worked at DEC has some unusual or humorous stories during their employment there and we want to start a collection of those stories. So, if you have some unusual or funny stories while at DEC, email it to webmaster@deconnection.org. They should be on one page or less and be entertaining to our members. [Click on this link](#) for some stories contributed by a few of our members.

A former DECcie, Fred Knight, wonders about one such story: Back in my days at DEC (1977-2005) I once saw a memo about quality that had been written by BOEING and sent to Ken Olsen. It compared computer system quality to BOEING jet quality. I of course, didn't save a copy of that memo. Is there any chance, that anyone out there in the DEC community might have a copy of that memo that they could share? [Ed. note: if you have this and wish to share please send it to webmaster@deconnection.org - we'll forward to Fred and post on our website.]

Our new [Featured Entrepreneur](#) is Carol Ehrlich, professional organizer and stager in Bolton MA, who can help you get your clutter under control to just enjoy your surroundings or to prepare for selling or downsizing your home.

DECconnection Newsbytes - Members please send news you'd like to share to: webmaster@deconnection.org.

- Alan Earls (alan.earls@post.harvard.edu) writes that he is taking his interest in tech history into a new part-time position as Director of Development at the Charles River Museum of Industry in

- Joanne Masingill (masjoanne@aol.com) writes: Lon and I became Florida residents in 2010 since we are now spending 7 months in Florida. We enjoy the outside life in Florida but still think of ourselves as northerners. 2011 marks our 30th wedding anniversary and we have plans for a wonderful month long trip including a transatlantic cruise and 2 weeks in the UK.
- From Bob Schuetz (rjschuetz@aol.com): "My company, floatstorage.com®, that DEC Connection was gracious to report on a while ago, is going strong. I recently split this site to create a second one, urbanpatioliving.com, which carries non-pool items. I am having a "ball" exhibiting at trade shows, working with manufacturers to take on new products, and most important, processing orders! With the new website I will be exhibiting at shows such as the Dallas Home & Garden Show, which will give me more exposure and allow me to market smaller pool toys and devices, and some unique products like contemporary LED lights. If you have neck and back pain check out the new NEKDOODLE™ on my website. I enjoy reading DECconnection and I continue to be impressed with the number of "DECies" that contribute articles and updates. A great idea - let's keep it going!"
- Cori Ashworth (cori@careercontinuum.com) writes: I am now a career and management coach, working with local and remote clients and organizations. My website is CareerContinuum.com.
- From Greg Hoffman (ghoffman@intermap.com): I was a member of the HR group in DEC Colorado Springs Operation from 1987 to 1993, joining Quantum Corp. in 1993 when they purchased the major portion of the disk drive business from us. I am now working with a small high technology Geospatial company in Englewood CO as their HR leader. The DEC network continues to amaze me... I wonder if Ken ever really understood the magnitude of what was created here!
- Pat Molloy (pat@thesalesalliance.com) writes: I live in paradise (Marco Island, FL), but I am not able to spend as much time here as I would like. I have been running my own consulting business for 13 years (lucky 13) and part of that work is to deliver workshops to high tech sales and partnership teams. Last month I was in Chicago (twice), Costa Rica and Seattle, and this month I am heading to Prague and Dubai. What incredible opportunities my clients give me. I am truly blessed. Looking forward to hearing news from other members.
- From Geri Wetzell (ghwetzell@msn.com): The DEC Connection is a great idea. I worked at DEC from 1979 to the first buyout in 1990, starting in the Mill as a TAG (Temp. Assistant Group) to working in GIA Mfg. as a Project Specialist. Loved it, fun jobs, DECworlds, fun travel, the end of an era. I am retired living in VT and FL in the winter.
- Jerry Bernath (bernathbibi@gmail.com), former Digital sales exec now retired in FL and his boat BiBi, writes: "I am having smooth sailing in the Bahamas, but right now I am at anchor here in George Town, Exumas. You can Google the place and see what it is like. In 2 weeks there will be a cruising regatta here that lasts for 13 days with lots of events -- boating, trivia, Texas Hold'm, Bocchi ball, baseball, golf, etc. I am The Golf event chairman. We build a 9 hole course on the beach and play the event before the Tide takes the course away! It's lots of fun. I shall be back to Florida late April." Jerry s/v BiBi
- Lois Levick (loislevick@earthlink.net) writes that she is headed to New Orleans along with other UMass alumni for a Home Building Community Service Trip to help Katrina victims. The team will be there for one week to help people in need of assistance.
- From Royce Fuller (roycefuller@verizon.net): "I have been retired for 7 years from Bank of America, which I joined after Compaq selected me for outplacement. My wife and I own and manage 3 multi-family rental properties in Maynard and Acton as our "retirement jobs" and I enjoy golf, skiing and travel for my recreation. I am happily anticipating a grandson, due any day now, to join my 5 other grandchildren."
- Giorgio Corsi (ggiorgio.corsi@wanadoo.fr) writes: "I am currently living in Vienna, Austria but commuting regularly to France and Italy. I am enjoying my retired status and I also do some consulting on HR

issues with companies in Switzerland, France and Italy. We plan to be back to our place in France by the end of 2013 when my wife will also retire. Together with my wife we set up a consulting boutique that we called GHRICO (Global HR International Consulting). We mainly focus on personal coaching for senior executives (also via phone or internet), post merger/acquisition integration and issues resolution, and company reorganization and restructuring.

Send in your NewsBytes for next month! Keep 'em coming!

Membership Updates - welcome to our new & renewing members since January:

- **Renewing Members:** Paul R. Anderson, Cori Ashworth, Tom Austin, David Backus, Gregory Bassett, Ron Brender, Margaret M. Britt, E. Burton Brown, David Carthy, Giorgio Corsi, Fred Darrow, Alan Earls, Robert Figuerido, Royce Fuller, Ellie Gadomski, Marilyn Goodrich, Frederick Gould, Rudy Hackl, Gregory Hoffman, Paul Hymovitz, Salvatore Infantino, Peter Koch, V Bradford Lawson, Lois Levick, Betty Lynch, Eliane Markoff, Joanne Masingill, Aline Migrants, Patricia Molloy, James S. Montague, Sr., Bob Moore, Dick Nixon, Frank Pascucci, Marguerite Paul, Jack Pinder, Carol Phillips, Barry Rosen, Joan Ross, Beryl Sachs, Andrew Sadler, Rolf Seichter, Gordon Shayler, Bob Schuetz, Sanford Schulman, David Siembieda, Susan Slane, Rini Sofka, Caleb Paul Stewart, Bob Trocchi, Vic Valenti, Janet Walsh, Robert Welzel, and Sue Yarger
- **New Members:** Jack Burness, Arthur Clockedile, Kristy Gleason, Teresa Hill, Bob Kendall, Georgia Murray, James Meehan, Terry Melle, Julie (Caron) Plourde, David Plumer, Libby Sterbakov, Remi Vervecken, Christina Washco, and Geraldine Wetzell
- **Membership renewals** were due in January; status notes were sent to our members this month - [please renew or join if you can - most popular deal is 3 yrs for \\$25.](#)

Sad News Department: Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Ken Olsen; and to friends of Linda Anderson who worked at the Digital CSC in Colorado Springs for many years. [Click here](#) for Memorials page.

Website Updates

- [Ken Olsen Memorials](#) submitted by our members and readers
- [Our Featured Entrepreneur, Carol Ehrlich](#)
- Would you like to be a 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 (no additional charge). Request from within LinkedIn to be added or [email webmaster](#).

