

Announcing a Member-Helping-Member Concall

We are delighted to announce that Rita Foley will conduct a member-helping-member concall based on her book and workshops "Reboot Your Life: Energize Your Career & Life by Taking a Break".

Reboot Your Life seminar

Rita Foley, DEC 1982-1999, professional board director and former President of MeadWestvaco Consumer Packaging, and a co-author of *Reboot Your Life. Energize your Career and Life by Taking a Break*, will help us take a step back to better know what is important to us and to identify what we need to live more rewarding and successful lives. You'll hear why so many people are taking a break -- a sabbatical -- from work to find their passion. Great for pre-retirement planning too.

This concall will be held on Wednesday evening, April 4, from 6 - 7 PM EDT.

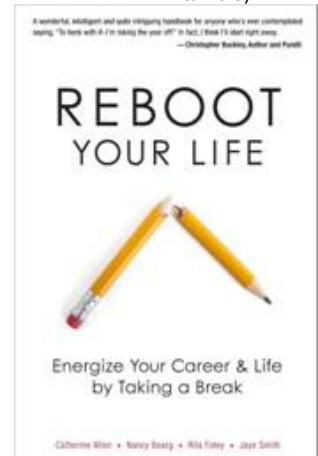
This conference is free to our paid-up members (others who wish to attend are welcome to join ahead of the concall at www.deconnection.org/join.htm). Dial in to expand your horizons and get new ideas!

To REGISTER: Send email to webmaster@deconnection.org. You will receive an acknowledgment email with instructions for the concall. If you are not a paid-up member please join before you register.

Rita is our current Featured Entrepreneur and you can read a bit more about her expertise [on our website at this link](#).



Rita Foley



Upcoming Events

- **Colorado Springs (CXO)** announced its 10th Spring Reunion for Friday, April 27, 2012 at the Embassy Suites. Contact TMCordova@comcast.net to attend. [Link to complete invite on website](#).
- **2012 Maynard Area Events** - Are YOU a musician or singer? If so - please participate in DEC Connection happenings during 2012! PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

One of the events of DEC Connection during 2012 may be an informal get-together in the Maynard, MA area that features some Digital employees whose hobbies are music. This includes folks that play instruments, sing, etc. We would like to get some Digital music hobbyists that are willing to play for a small crowd in a cafe style atmosphere. If you are one of them or know who we might invite, please send us an Email at: webmaster@deconnection.org

Recent Events

Our SE Florida Pot Luck Dinner Get-Together in Delray Beach was terrific! We had two dozen ex-DECcies and guests attend. Thanks to all for their delicious food contributions, and special thanks to My-Quan Tran for his skillful technical magic to project Digital_Man/Digital_World onto our clubhouse wall.

- Was great to see familiar faces and meet new ones: Jerry Bernath, Carol Bertel, Robin Blanchard, Allan Demers, Carol Heller, Sally Hering, Nell Lagerquist, Eliane and Gary Markoff, Charlie Moeder, Sue Murrell and Mitch Tunkel, Sheryl Pattek, Brenda Pearce, Rick and Mary Proksell, Ava Schutzman, Al and Roni Sorkin, My-Quan Tran, and Ron Zander.

Guillermo Barrera Fierro with new grandson

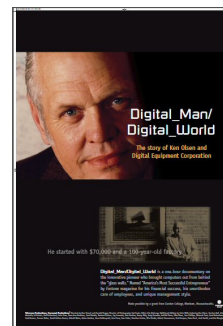


Congratulations also to Guillermo Barrera Fierro who had planned to attend, but those plans were pre-empted by the arrival of his first grandson! Photo at right.

Update on Digital_Man/Digital_World PBS Documentary

The KO/Digital documentary premiered on PBS station WFYI in Indianapolis in February, now planning to be rolled out to affiliated PBS stations during June.

A number of pre-release DVDs are available by emailing Dan Tymann, VP of Gordon College at dan.tymann@gordon.edu. Those who wish can make a contribution to the college at this link: <https://www.gordon.edu/kenolsengift>



DEC Connection Membership News:

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Renewing Members: John Allen, Joanne Andrews, Fred Balfour, Ernie Bauer, Sue Baust, Hal Berenson, Carol Bertel, Jon Braley, Brandvold, Bob Brownson, Nicole Burkel, Jack Burness, Ken Chernack, Barbara Cochrane, Walt Colby, Mary Cozma, Rob Dandrade, John Ehrhardt, Carol Ehrlich, Steve Elmore, Will Emerson, Marce Enright, Ray Ferrara, Elizabeth Field, Rod Flakes, Rita Foley, Janice Frampton, John Friedrich, Ellie Gadomski, Martha Goodwine, Ray Graber, Jim Higgins, Ron Hill, Lyle Hughes, Sam Hutchinson, Marilyn Jenney, Fred Kulas, Lois Levick, Dave Levy, Maurice Marks, Ingolf Marzenski (Germany), Suresh Masand, Charlie Merrill, Charlie Moeder, Jack Moore, Jean Nagle, Dick Nixon, Joe Oleksak, Jack Pinder, Tom Porcher, Andy Puchrik, Jane Puffer, Andy Puchrik, Phil Reimann, Mike Renzulli, Dan Riordan, Liz Robertson, Michele Rosen, Rene Roy, Will Sherwood, Ellen Simarano, Van Smick, Joel Smith, Rini Sofka, Margaret Stashluk,, Elizabeth Strong, Alex Tellert, Linda Trafton Fraser, Bob Travis, John Trubiano, Vic Valente, Peter Vatne, Phil Viscomi, Don Vonada, Ken Vonasek, Steve Webber, Steve Wells, Don Yelton

New Members: Susan Charity (Ireland), Lisa Moore, Bill Schaepe, Rhoda Schwarz

About DEC Connection Local Chapters

Many of you might not realize that our local chapters are started by member volunteers. If you are interested in meeting other ex-DECcies nearby, consider calling an informal meeting at the local library or pub to see if there is sufficient interest - it doesn't have to be ambitious; an occasional meeting is fun, and you might meet new friends who share your values. Members can generate lists of other members by geographic area using the Member Service Center - use the 3-digit zip search. Email webmaster@deconnection.org for help.

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes: send yours to

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

We had a great response with NewsBytes from our renewing members, so some of these notes will appear in future issues - thanks all for keeping us up-to-date!

- From **Sandra Cooper**: My retirement years have been spent traveling Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee in our 36' Winnebago - Adventurer. We mostly stay at State Parks and Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort. The Alaskan tour/cruise, last year, was the best cruise we have ever taken. So, I guess we are always looking for new adventures. If DEC Connection organizes a cruise, I would love to hear about it. slcooper@tampabay.rr.com
- **Dr. Margaret Britt** (DEC 1974-1994) continues to teach in the MBA program at Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Mount Vernon, Ohio. She also vacations at her home in Florida. meje7@aol.com

- From **Ed LoTurco**: Retired from my own Consulting Business and continue as Lexington High School Track & Field Coach. Preparing for my 10th year riding for the Pan Mass Challenge (PMC) while enjoying time with family and travel. eloturco@verizon.net
- From **Bob Glorioso**: Dee and I are spending the heart of the winter at our little condo in Florida before returning to Stow to sing in the Sounds of Stow Festival Chorus and Orchestra's winter concert on March 18. Thanks to some of the technology we pioneered at DEC, I am able to keep up with my BOD and technical consulting work while watching Manatees swim by. Bob & Dee Glorioso, Riviera Beach, FL. rglorioso@comcast.net
- From **Joel Smith**: Retired for the third time in 2007. The first was from DEC in '92 (SERP). Currently looking for an at home business. smith_j_f@yahoo.com
- From **Ray Ferrara**: Does any one know where Ken Gordon, the former head of DSTAR, is located? I have run across a new type of database that is self-defining and want to discuss it with him. rferrara@rbmtechnologies.com
- From **John Friedrich**: I am currently with Dell's Nashua Design Center (NDC) [formerly ZKO2] functioning as a Global Supplier Quality Management Sr. Advisor A.K.A. Supplier Quality Engineer. Joined what was the EqualLogic a start-up in the iSCSI storage array space in 2007 and was quickly acquired by Dell. Nice to see the rest rooms still had the chalkboards in them. This year they may call me a Global Operations Engineer, and responsibilities shifting accordingly. Connections on LinkedIn and Facebook. johnfriedrichjr@gmail.com
- From **Gary Piel** in Colorado Springs CO: I am enjoying retirement, traveling some, and occasionally (although lately more frequently) driving cars around Colorado for Hertz Rental Car Co. p_gp372107@msn.com
- From **Kathy Chapman**: I'm a patent attorney at the Naval Research Lab, working on software patents. Wouldn't be able to do this job without my engineering experience at DEC. But more than that, DEC taught me how the workplace should be, it was a paradigm shift kind of place, the rest of the world will eventually catch up, I hope. chapman.kathy@gmail.com

We have more NewsBytes and will continue next month... send YOURS in!

TECHNICAL guru needed!

We received Email from **Jim "JR" Harris**, who has a Digital **Alpha Personal Workstation 500a** that has obviously been upgraded to an au that he is working to get get Linux/BSD installed on.

- Do you know where I can get technical information about this machine? Particularly information on the CPU dip switch settings, the diagnostic LEDs and such.
- Do you know what are "the best" or preferred Linux/Unix/BSD systems to run on the Alpha PWS au series? (Or what others have used, and know works?) Preferably something that is still being maintained for the Alpha.
- Do you know what the maximum usable IDE hard drive is? (None of the doc's I have seen reference anything larger than 6 gigs, however I strongly suspect that larger IDE drives probably did not exist at that time.

Any help would be be gratefully appreciated. 508-595-9382 jimrh@charter.net

DEC Stories - send yours to webmaster@deconnection.org

Sad News Department:

We are very sad to report that John Loether, Digital sales trainer extraordinaire, is gravely ill at a nursing home in Worcester. His family invites letters and cards from old friends and co-workers, which he will probably not be able to acknowledge, but would appreciate receiving. He does not have email.

His new contact information is:

Spring Valley Care
c/o John Loether Room 215
81 Chatham Street



John Loether showing off his

We are sad to report the recent deaths of ex-Digital employees:

- 23 Jan, Tony Crugnola, technical writer, Marlboro area in 70s-80s
- 1 Feb, Jeff Maxwell, logistics, S. NH/Andover
- 15 Feb, Harry Schroeder, Colorado Springs

[Details on the Memorials page](#)

collection of sales award pins to the group at dinner following the 2006 Tribute to Ken at Gordon College.

Website Updates:

- [NewsByte Archive](#) will have member notes posted on a cumulative basis.
- 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.
- [Our Featured Entrepreneur](#) - Meet Rita Foley, co-author of *Reboot Your Life: Energize your Career and Life by Taking a Break*
 - 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. Request from within LinkedIn to be added or [email webmaster](#).
- [Ken Olsen Memorials](#) submitted by our members and readers - we are still adding to this page, send yours! Gordon College's Memorial Service for Ken is posted on our [About Ken Olsen](#) page. Download time is 10-60 min. before it plays - files are 75, 260 and 800 MB - so please be patient.
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