

## February 2013 News-at-a-Glance



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Phoenix AZ annual Reunion Lunch - Sat 6 April 2013** - Bill Johnson's Big Apple Restaurant, 19th Ave & Bell Road, Phoenix, 12 noon. Email GalenDavis@aol.com for add'l info.
- **Colorado Springs 11th Annual Reunion Dinner - Fri 26 April 2013** - [Click for summary info](#). Email Lorrie Marzulla for add'l info at roge@pcisys.net

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**Member-Helping-Member Concall Recording available to members: On February 20th, Sally Hering** spoke with interested DEC Connection members about special programs for real estate foreclosures, the state of the housing market, and answered questions from member callers. DEC Connection members can access this recording on our website via the Member Service Center - email webmaster@deconnection.org if you need help.

[You can read about Sally on our Featured Entrepreneur webpage.](#)

**NEW DEC Connection Chapter:** Sally Hering will organize a Florida - SW chapter; send email if interested in get-togethers in the Naples FL area sahering@msn.com



Sally Hering is one of organizers for our new Florida SW Gulf DEC Connection Chapter.

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**Reunion With Your Peers:**

The Board is considering potential DECconnection events for 2013. One of those would be a Reunion of your peers **defined and organized by you**. Determine the peer group you would like to invite (by geography, building, affinity group [e.g. sales, engineering, manufacturing], years, etc.) Also choose the activity (e.g., a luncheon, dinner, cookouts, ball games, golf, boat rides, travel, music festivals, etc.). The Board of The DEC Connection will provide help choosing a site, determine the cost, negotiate with vendors, provide a portion of the funding, help with setup if Maynard area, name tags, selling tickets on our website, promoting, etc. This could be a small or large group. Members, send us your proposal at: [info@DECconnection.org](mailto:info@DECconnection.org) and we will be in contact with you. Thanks to those who have already proposed events!

## DEC Connection Member News

### New Board Member: Barrie Hunter



We are delighted to announce that Barrie Hunter has volunteered to serve on our Board. Barrie had a distinguished 40-year career at Digital in Sales, Services, Marketing and Operations in Australia, US, the UK, and short stays in

many other countries. Barrie retired from HP in 2005 but stays very busy with consulting, volunteer work, travel, sports, and reading. [You can learn more about Barrie here on our website.](#) Thanks Barrie!

Welcome **New Members**: Donna Caissie, Tom Iannotti, and Rick Spitz

and a hearty re-welcome to our **Renewing Members**:

Curt Anderson, Chris Battista, Lynn Beckner, Carol Bertel, Walter Bonin, Ken Brown, Lisa Brown, Jack Burness, Dan Casaletto, David Chen, Pauline Church, Agnes Connors, Julia Corenzwit, Don Curns, RJ DiDonato, Lori Dreher, Will Emerson, Marce Enright, John Friedrich, Royce Fuller, Sharyn Gallagher, Barbara Gavin, Les Goldman, Martha Goodwine, Karen Gremo, Ted Grenham, Carolyn Herbert, Bob Holmes, John Holz, John Hopkins, Ray Humphrey, Barrie Hunter, Nancy Kilty, Michalene Kosinski, Ed Lengyel, Lois Levick, Bradford Lawson, Peter Marcus, Marie Mangus, Luciano Mascari, Peg Masjoan, Aline Migrants, Anita Moeder, Helen Nayar, Bob Newman, Dick Nixon, Jim O'Reilly, Pat Pasquale, Marilyn Perry, John D. Reilly, Mike Renzulli, Jack Richardson, Marty Sack, Ellen Simarano, Andrea Starr, My-Quan Tran, Helen Von Gunden, Michael Woffenden, Nancy Woolsey, and Mel Woolsey

Thanks to all for your continuing support!

### **It's Membership Renewal Time!**

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](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org) for help.)

- You can also join us (or renew) at [www.deconnection.org/join.htm](http://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.
- To use your PayPal account directly (not via our website), use our payment address: [registrations@deconnection.org](mailto:registrations@deconnection.org)

### **DEC Connection Member NewsBytes**: send yours to:

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

We are delighted that at renewal time we receive lots of personal update notes... so if yours doesn't appear here, it'll be published in an upcoming issue... we still have a backlog!

- From **Debra Amidon**: In September 2012, I hosted the World Summit on Innovation and Entrepreneurship [WSIE] in Boston which convened 600+ from 50 countries: – [www.thewsie.org](http://www.thewsie.org). Integral to the planning were some other Digital players, such as Jack Mileski, Nancy Kilty and Anker Berg-Sonne. Joel Schwartz, now at EMC2 helped underwrite the Boston Harbor Cruise for our ENTOVATION Network guests – 23 from 16 countries. In preparation, we convened a Boston Innovation Tour for 52 CEOs from Northern Italy: <http://www.entovation.com/mailling/E100-En-Route-to-Boston-A-Global-Innovation-Landscape.htm> [scroll down for links including their video]. It is fun to see Boston through the eyes of our international visitors. You may be surprised to know how many times

DECWorld was referenced, including the QE2. Made quite an impression! [debra@entovation.com](mailto:debra@entovation.com)

- **Bob Arnett** (DEC 1984-1998) - Just completed 10 years as CIO at Cobb EMC in Marietta, GA. Won an international CIO of the Year award in 2008 and Georgia CIO of the Year in 2010. Enjoy attending the Atlanta (Southeast) Region DEC reunions and have hired two former DEC employees to work at Cobb EMC (Byron Finley and Patty Yost).
- **Wayne Belanger** writes: I worked for DEC for 18 years from 1977-1994. Right now, I am working as National Sales Manager for a software company named Exact Software. I manage a team of 13 sales people and am always looking for potential new hires. I can best be reached at [w.belanger@comcast.net](mailto:w.belanger@comcast.net) or 603-718-2347. I would love to hear from ex-DECCIES that I may have worked with in past years.  
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- **Bob Carlin:** I'm working for CGI Technology Solutions which is a global firm of about 72,000 employees. I'm in the Project Management Office out of their Andover Mass office supporting two of US Business Units related to client engagements procedures, reporting, and occasionally working on a client engagement. [bob\\_carlin@yahoo.com](mailto:bob_carlin@yahoo.com)
- **Martha Goodwine** writes: I'm still at HP, working for the Global Financial Governance and Compliance team. I continue to work at home (17 years now) and stay in contact with colleagues via regularly scheduled training days, functions, and f2f (face-to-face meetings). I've been offered early retirement 3 times but continue working to keep all my animals (2 dogs, 1 cat, 1 horse) living in the manner to which they have become accustomed! I feel extremely blessed and valued! [m.goodwine@hotmail.com](mailto:m.goodwine@hotmail.com)
- **Tom McKinney** writes: I retired from Cisco Systems in 2006, where I led the software engineering team that delivered MPLS (Multi-Protocol Label Switching) to market in 1998. We were the first network company to ship MPLS. Since retiring I've been active in local, state and national politics, as well as traveling with my wife to spend time with our family spread across the US. [mckinney10@msn.com](mailto:mckinney10@msn.com)
- **Terry Melle** in Round Rock, TX 78681 is pastoring men, preparing couples for marriage and carrying a counseling caseload. Just finished the Ultimate Tailgate BBQ cook-off at Hill Country Bible Church. 22 teams fed over 400 people all manner of brisket, venison, fowl, sausage, pork etc. [terry.melle@att.net](mailto:terry.melle@att.net)
- **Liz Field:** I am still a massage therapist (since ending my technical writing career in 2001). I also am an artist and a quilter (and a grandmother). Some of my art is on my web site:  
<http://home.comcast.net/~ejefield16/index.html>  
[ejefield16@comcast.net](mailto:ejefield16@comcast.net)
- **Dick Helliwell** is a firmware architect at DataDirect Networks Inc. He develops firmware for high-end storage controllers. [rph@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:rph@stanfordalumni.org)
- **MaryEllen Kennedy** writes: I'm currently a doing network support at a former DEC facility. In my free time, I'm working with a group planning to bring fiber to the home to 40+ towns in western Massachusetts ([www.wiredwest.net](http://www.wiredwest.net)) [maryellen.kennedy@gmail.com](mailto:maryellen.kennedy@gmail.com)
- **Stan Nunn:** Life is good being "semi-retired" in Northern Michigan. I am

still busy doing a bit of Management Consulting and Sales Training. A few years ago I had the opportunity to do some Sales Training for Monster.com at the Old Mill in Maynard. Talk about bringing back great memories. I still miss the wonderful friends and colleagues.  
stannunn@hotmail.com

- **Michael Raczkowski:** I'm dividing my time between Arizona (January thru May) and Oregon (the rest of the year) with my girlfriend, who is from Oregon. Get to see my two boys who live in Oregon, as well as my brother who spends a lot of time in Oregon as well. mracz@msn.com
- **Jim O'Reilly** has been retired for 4 years and spends his time running between houses in Amherst, NH and New York City. After leaving Digital, Jim spent 15 plus years selling complex software solutions into the utility, education and financial services industries. oreillyje24@comcast.net

### Sad News Department:

His wife, Edith Brown, writes that former DECcie **Ed S. Brown** of Milwaukee WI has been living in an Alzheimer's facility since 2012. Email edithvbrown@aol.com to send good wishes to Ed.

Sent in by the Colorado Springs group... our condolences to friends of:

- Dave Hungerford, Wichita KS, passed away on 2 February 2013.
- Peter Meis died 26 Feb 2013 in Germany.

See our [Memorials page](#) for further information.

### Website Updates:

- 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!
- **Links page:** Volunteer activities - if you have an organization you'd like to post, email [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org)
- 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](mailto: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.
- [Read about Sally Hering, our new featured Member Entrepreneur.](#) Sally is hosting our upcoming concall about Real Estate programs. She is also going to organize a Florida - SW chapter for get-togethers, so give her a call or email if interested! [sahering@msn.com](mailto:sahering@msn.com)



- Featured Member Entrepreneur - Email webmaster with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.
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