

February 2014 News-at-a-Glance



EVENTS

- For those who attend the **BOIS Reunion**: Please email ava@deconnection.org IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST so we'll order enough food. (We're requesting a voluntary contribution of \$5 per guest, payable at the door.) We are excited to announce a reunion for folks who worked in/closely with **BOIS** (Business & Office Information Systems, located at TTB in Nashua, the group that marketed ALL-IN-1 and other fine products). Event is **Wednesday, March 19th, 6:30 PM**, at the [Glenview Pub and Grill](#), 248 Princeton St., North Chelmsford, MA, 978-251-3591 . Appetizers will be served, full cash bar available. Other than the cash bar, there is no charge for this event for paid-up members. Cost is \$10 to join the DEC Connection for 2014. To register, email ava@deconnection.org to let us know you are coming and then pay online by joining if you're not a member. [To join DEC Connection, now go to this link](#) and note BOIS in the Other Comments field. Limit of 35 attendees in our private room so get your reservation now! Please feel free to circulate this invitation to BOIS/TTB friends. Any questions to Jack at jack@deconnection.org or 1-978-897-2192. As a prep for this event you might enjoy this link to Skip Walter's Jan 2012 blog: [The Making of Enterprise Software ALL-IN-1](#).



Jack Mileski



Skip Walter

- **DATE CHANGE**: Our sponsor **Legacy Financial Advisors, Inc.** is again offering DEC Connection members an educational seminar about saving taxes and estate planning called "**Live a Less Taxing Life**". The dinner Seminar has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, March 26th at 6:30 PM** at the **River Rock Grill** in **Maynard**. Some of the topics to be discussed are shown below.

- Complimentary Dinner Seminar
Sponsored by: Legacy Financial Advisors, Inc.

Live a Less Taxing Life

Featured Speakers: Paul Mauro, CLU, ChFC

Louis V. Sorgi., Estate Planning Attorney

- > Can you convert your IRA assets to ROTH assets at a reasonable rate?
- > Can you use financial tools to produce tax exempt income?
- > Do you want to make your estate 100% tax free for your children?
- > How do state taxes, federal taxes and medicare taxes impact choices?
- > How do estate planning tools reduce income taxes for the family?

To register, email webmaster@deconnection.org with your name(s), email address, address, phone, # people attending (1 or 2), put Legacy Financial Seminar in Subject line. [The River Rock Grill](#) is at 163 Main St. in Maynard, across the street from the Mill. (978) 897-5500. Any questions about the seminar, contact Nancy Kilty at 781-861-7487.



- **Southeast Florida Chapter Get-together - Saturday, March 29, 5:30-9 PM**, for a pot-luck supper at Ava's clubhouse in Delray Beach FL. Please email her at ava@deconnection.org **by Thursday March 20** if you are interested in attending, with names of people coming and food item you will bring.
- **Colorado Springs (CXO) 12th Annual Reunion is Friday, April 25th** from 5-9 PM at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Big party!

[See details on website.](#)

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our New and Renewing Members:

Dave Backus, Walt Colby, Mary Cole, Nancy Dionne, Doug Emmons, Bob Ferrari, Karen Hamilton, Mark Haut, Malcolm Krongelb, Julie Labbe, Ed LoTurco, George MacDonald, Teresa McKeown, Thomas Montague, Don Murphy, Lori Noonan, Mary Anne North, Joe O'Leary, Frank Pascucci, Gary Piel, Dilip Phadke, David Price, Terry Ann Sarandrea, Jan Shineman, Rini Sofka, Polly Strife, Stephen Thompson, Stephen Tinius, David Toub, Irene Wong, John Wyatt.

Membership Renewal Procedure:

Best method to renew: 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 for help.

- You can also join us (or renew) at 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.
- If you prefer to use your PayPal account directly (not via our website), use our payment address: registrations@deconnection.org - please do NOT use any of the Board members' personal email addresses.

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

- From **Theresa McKeown**: So glad to meet DEC enthusiasts. DEC/VMS was my Holy Grail of Op systems. This feels like a rebirth! I moved on to SAP ABAP Devt and was so gratified to find a Devt system almost as well structured as VMS - my boat sailed again! tmckeown.tmak@virgin.net
- **Will Babetski** writes: I recently completed Solar PV Installer Boot Camp + NABCEP Entry Level Exam Prep course from Heatspring Learning Institute. Now a Solar Energy intern at the Wind Sun Institute (www.windsuninstitute.com) in Kingston, MA, providing green solar energy systems to residential customers in southeastern Massachusetts. will.babetski@comcast.net
- **Dale Rutschow** writes: Started in 83 in Chapel Hills, NC. Moved to Rockford IL in 86 then transferred here from the Chicago District in 95 to join the Gold Support Team and then was on the NASDAQ support team until I became

disabled. dalerutschow@comcast.net

Sad News Department

Our sincere condolences to family and friends of:

- **Scott Scudamore**, 63, who succumbed on 29 December to injuries sustained on a mountain-biking accident on 22 September. Scott worked for Digital and HP in support of the Govt Systems Group.
- **Dick Farrahar** died from complications of an auto accident on February 10th.
- **Don Arthur**, 70, Upton MA, passed away on February 7 from complications of a stroke he had the 27th of September last year.

[Details are on our Memorials Page](#)

Tech Talk

Here is one reply to our question from January: **Microsoft is going to end support of XP in April 2014. I am running Microsoft XP Pro. Can I upgrade (i.e. not a "clean" installation) from XP to Vista and/or Windows 7 with leaving my files and setting unchanged? If so, how?"**

Here's one reply from L. Carlos Rodriguez , www.dcu-inc.com, 770.965.1382:

the answer unfortunately is NO! Almost nothing on XP is compatible with the newer versions of the windows OSs.

However, you can take a windows 7 or windows 8 laptop and run a virtual machine under hyper-V with a virtualized copy of your windows XP, this way you don't loose anything and you can enjoy the wonderful world of windows 8.1.



the way to do it is by:

1. make sure your windows XP is updated with the latest updates, if not at least SP3, this allows hyper-V to enable the virtualization options on the VM
2. create an image copy of the XP system
3. create a virtual machine in hyper-V on a laptop with virtualization enabled and windows 7 or 8 PS: forget VISTA!
4. use the image copy of XP to boot into the VM machine
5. once the VM is up, then run hyper-V client tool virtualization options set.

Thank you Carlos!

In addition, Jack said several people wrote to him that he could try an application called PC Mover.

Website Updates

- 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 on their computers, the free version 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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