

DECconnection Events

December 2010 recap:

- Pittsburgh PA area Chapter (PTO, Erie, Charleston WV offices) Reunion organized by Bill Costello, who reports that the Pittsburgh party on December 9th went great - had attendance of 60-70 ex-DECcies. [Click here for photos](#) (thank you, Bruce Feldman).
- SE FL, Boca Raton: We had a small group turn out at the Blue Martini Bar in the Terrace at Boca Town Center Mall on December 3rd, then went to a nice Italian restaurant for dinner. [A few photos here](#). Thanks to Herbert de Souza for coming from Brazil! We are planning a unique event for the Spring... stay tuned.



DECconnection 2011 Events and Concalls - Last chance to take SURVEY

We're interested in your feedback and ideas for events and concalls for 2011 - what would motivate you to attend or participate? Do you have an expertise you're willing to share during a concall? [Click here to take the quick survey](#).

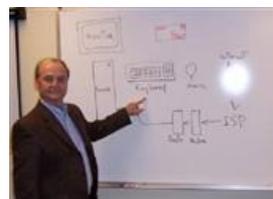
Events already announced for 2011:

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

DEC Stories! The DECconnection is initiating a new column/web page on members' DEC stories. Everyone who has ever worked at DEC has some unusual and humorous stories during their employment there and we want to start a collection of those stories (who knows - if we get enough of them over time, we may compile them into a book). 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. We will highlight them each month in the NAAG and post them on our [website](#).

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

- From Michael Bujnowski: Don Goduti and I are teaching a course about PCs to seniors in the Bow NH area. [Click here for an article](#); photo below at right. mbujnowski@comcast.net
- From Ray Duchemin: Greetings to all my former DECcie friends. I am currently working as a senior software engineer at AT&T in Tampa and recently published my first novel (MindLink) under the pen name of Raymond E Dyer. I would love to hear from any of my old friends at red0107@gmail.com.
- From Pamela Berg: I worked for DEC from 1980 until 2005, after Intel's take over. I currently work for BAE Systems, which is a military contractor out of the Nashua NH area. In one of our company communications newsletters in Oct 2010, they announced that they had just retired 3 VAX servers that had been dutifully running in NH for all these years! How proud I felt. Now that is a wonderful example of a quality product! dollcollector@charter.net
- Elaine Markoff's charitable foundation, [Art in Giving](#), has launched



an e-mail newsletter. She was featured at a UMass luncheon honoring Vicki Reggie Kennedy, where Eliane presented Vicki with an original painting in appreciation for her support. Eliane also held her first exhibit in a Paris gallery! at Le Marais section: <http://www.galerie-des-impressionnistes.com>

- From Hugh Byers: I was the owner/founder of a DEC hardware/software OEM in the late 70's and early 80's and a programmer of **every** DEC processor (except the 3, which I did see once.) My current interest is to see if there is some DEC aficionado or collector who can read/transcribe some DECTapes for me. hugh@ingeniouspartners.com
- Sam Fuller: I am the CTO and VP of R&D at Analog Devices, Inc. I now work on IC's that have an ASP of about \$10 and have the performance and capacity of some of the PDP 11/70's or VAX 11/780's that sold for \$250K or more back when I joined DEC in 1978. sam.fuller@analog.com

[Sam also reported the passing of Sir Maurice Wilkes, pioneer of British computing, and former Digital employee.](#)

- From Hank Vezina: I'm still doing Recruitment/HR consulting and I'm currently working for an exDECie named Steve Wentzell at Dynamics Research Corporation. [Click here for a great story about the longevity \(over 30 years!\) of a PDP-9 I worked on in Manufacturing in 1967!](#) hank_44@hotmail.com
- Thanks to Mary Cole and Jack Burness for sending in stories about the \$19M renovation of the The Computer Museum in California. [From NY Times](#); [From SF Chronicle](#). Use links on our website. The latter mentions Digital, after a fashion.

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

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

- **Renewing Members:** Sue Baust, Alan Keiran, Bob Morrison, Mike Renzulli
- **New Members:** Carol Bertel, Hugh Byers, Ray Duchemin, Sam Fuller, George Jakobsche, MaryEllen Kennedy, Hank Poulter, Marc Slater, George Stobie, Donna Neumen Taishoff
- Please keep in mind that **Membership renewals** are due in January. Over the next few weeks, we will send email reminders to those of you who are due for renewal, as well as thank-yous to those of you who are already paid ahead. If you don't receive a note, it means you have not joined since 2008; please do consider supporting our association.

Sad News Department: Our sincere condolences to the families and friends of Jack Del Brocco, who worked in Phoenix AZ; to family and friends of Bill Holdway, Al Greist, and Mary LaSalle from Colorado Springs CO; and to the family and friends of Chuck Blasi from Bedford MA. All passed away since our last Newsletter. [Click here](#) for Memorials page.

Website Updates

- 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](#).

