



# DECconnection

A professional association for networking organization of former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

## Upcoming Events

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LAST CALL!

### Wed. 3 August 2016 - Nashua Dinner & A Movie

Join a group of DECcies at the City of Nashua NH's August 3rd outdoors dinner and a movie series, which will feature the 1991 movie comedy "[What About Bob?](#)" starring Bill Murray and Richard

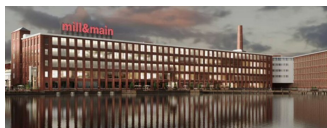
Dreyfuss. A delicious dinner of American Tapas will be served by [Stella Blu](#), one of Nashua's best. Movie starts at 7 PM, dinner and beverages are served by Stella Blu off a menu and paid for separately. Event ends around 10:45 PM. (Rain Date Thurs. 4 Aug) [Check out the movie website](#) for details, tix, and directions.



*Nashua Dinner and a Movie*

To join us purchase your \$10 movie tickets either:

1. [online at the movie website](#) - you must click on "Register Here" at top of page - or
2. call the Nashua Chamber of Commerce and pay with a credit card: 603-881-8333. (I spoke with Laurey and received 3 email confirmations after the transaction.)
3. Be sure to email [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org) with your name(s) so she will know how many seats to save to sit together.



### Early FALL - planning a picnic in the Maynard area, probably on a Saturday

"Mill and Main" online: [Article about Mill and Main](#)  
Website: [Mill and Main](#)

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## Digital and the Industry

Even greater thanks to Steve Kallis, Jr. for sending some entertaining PDP applications nostalgia, which we'll share over time. Remember the 1975 movie *Three Days of the Condor*? It's the only major film that features a PDP-8/e system. Particularly cool is that Steve placed the system in the film and programmed it (in FOCAL)



so that it appeared to be translating scanned books from foreign languages into English. He got a movie credit as the "technical consultant for the computer sequence." The film "premiered" on its first night of release in the Maynard theater, which Digital took over for the night. Employees were admitted, there were searchlights, etc., and Ken was there. Dick Berube hosted a celebration, and both Steve and a PDP-8/e were presented with "faux Oscar" awards!

Another film, *Resurrection*, starring Ellen Burstyn, which came out a few years later, shows a MINC-11 system in a parapsychology lab, but it's not featured.

(*Resurrection* got Ellen Burstyn a nomination for a Best Actress Oscar.)

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## DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during July: **Theresa Burke** (CA), **Rose Quinn** (NJ), and **Lee Roth** (OH).



If you are enjoying our e-newsletters please consider joining and sending in a brief update on your activities for our newsletter. Here is how to join or renew (just \$10 for a calendar year):

### Membership Renewal Procedure

- Click 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 - no leading or trailing spaces - email [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org) for help.
  - You can also join us (or renew) at [Join the DEC Connection online!](#)
  - You can also send a personal 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](mailto:registrations@deconnection.org) - do NOT use any Board member's personal email address.
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## QUESTION for all Digital Readers

Reader Alice Bucca wrote: Many years ago, when I first started working at DEC, there was a great humorous story about the Mill. It talked about getting lost, etc. and how the building numbers made no sense at all. Would love to get my hands on a copy of this.

Please email story to [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org) and we'll share it with everybody. Thanks!

Thanks to readers who sent info about the SERP life insurance policy. The answer was that it was after some time no longer offered as a free benefit, though retirees were given the opportunity to take it for a fee.

## DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

Please send yours to: [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org) [See our NewsByte archive page.](#)

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## Sad News Department

Sadly, we have some deaths of former Digital employees to report:

John C. Rodenhiser, Jr., 76, Bolton MA, 13 July 2016

Don Metz, Pittsburgh PA, 13 July 2016

Andy Powderly, 85, Danbury CT, 5 July 2016

Rim Keris, Sydney, NSW, Australia, 4 June 2016

Laura Melling, 69, Spring Hill TN, 25 May 2016

- [Details are on our Memorial Page.](#)
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## Website Features and Updates

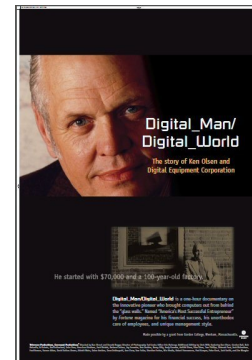
### [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)

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 the free version on their computers**, the URL is: [Link to Ken Olsen/Digital Video](#)



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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.](#)

**Featured Member Entrepreneur** - Email [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org) 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 LinkedIn to be added or email [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org).

**Hewlett-Packard Alumni Association info (membership not required)** Thanks to Curt Gowan for sharing all of this valuable advice.

\* US - Medicare webinar presentations and Q-and-A: Medicare is much more complex than one would think... and there can be some expensive surprises. Both speakers are very experienced, succinct, and practical.

<http://www.hpalumni.org/medicare>

- Part 1 -- Medicare Explained -- with Heads Up Warnings, by non-profit health insurance counselor Connie Corrales. - Part 2 -- Medicare for HP Retirees, by Aon Retiree Health Exchange analyst David Rew. - Part 3 -- Q and A.

\* HP stock and options issues: <http://www.hpalumni.org/stock>

\* HP U.S. Phased Retirement Program: <http://www.hpalumni.org/PRP>

\* Leaving HP? 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. [Go to](#)

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