

March 2011 DEC Connection News-at-a-Glance



Celebrating the Life and Contributions of our Founder and Hero, Ken Olsen - Memorial Service Update



The DEC Connection will participate in formal events planned by Ken's charitable beneficiary, Gordon College (255 Grapevine Road, Wenham, MA, Exit 17 from Route 128). They are holding a public Memorial Service on Sat., May 14th at 3:30 PM.

[Please RSVP to Gordon College for the memorial service and reception](#) if you think might attend, so they can get a count for planning purposes, by 15 April 2011. (Please check the 11. Other box, and in 12. write in DEC Connection).

Agenda:

Memorial Service: 3:30 - 4:30 PM at the AJ Gordon Memorial Chapel - suggested attire is business formal

Reception: 4:30 - 6 PM (light refreshments served)

At Reception you will also be able to visit some special, temporary exhibits of Ken's and other Digital memorabilia from his archives, and you can videotape a short testimonial in Ken's memory, or about your DEC experience, for the interactive Kiosk in the Ken Olsen Science Center Lobby.

Handicap Parking - for handicap parking sticker [RSVP on Gordon website](#) before 15 April.

We are still collecting your remembrances for our Ken Olsen Memorial page at www.deconnection.org/KOmemorials.htm.

You can enjoy Gordon College's excellent online videos about Ken and his legacy at: www.gordon.edu/kenolsen. And, [the videos and summaries of the talks](#) by Win Hindle, Debra Armidon and Rod Sutherland from our 2008 event at the Gordon College Ken Olsen Science Center Dedication are excellent reminders of Ken's and Digital's legacies.

DEC Reunions announced for 2011:

- Colorado Springs Annual Reunion: Friday, April 22nd - [click link for details](#).

DEC Stories! 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.

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

- **From Ian Loughlin**, UK: Currently running a portfolio of Internet Marketing and Information Publishing ventures including Membership Sites. Providing training and consultancy to enable people to succeed in the field of Internet Marketing and to



establish their own home-based business. ianloughlin@btinternet.com

- **Armando Stettner**, MA, a new member, writes that he is currently a director at Verizon heading up FiOS advanced development. aps@ieee.org
- **Bob Arnett** (at Digital from 1984-1999): is CIO of Cobb Electric Membership Corporation in Marietta, Georgia. Bob was recently promoted to Senior VP, and was awarded the 2010 Georgia CIO of the Year Award by the Georgia CIO Leadership Association. See this announcement in TechLinks, the CIO e-zine [by clicking here](#). To reconnect with Bob, send an email to ba.arnett@gmail.com. Congratulations, Bob!
- **Elizabeth Robertson**, MA writes: It was so nice to read the gracious feedback [our [Memorials](#)] on Ken Olsen. He was one of a kind, certainly to be missed. I do volunteer work at our senior center, including a newsletter. I have 4 grandchildren, all doing well. My town, Rutland, is noted for having a tree that sits in the middle of Mass. Ave 2 streets from my house. I enjoy our events year-round, especially the 4th of July, and the Chowder Challenge at the Fire Brigade.
- From **Nick Barletta**, MA: I was fortunate to have worked for DEC and retired from the Mill in Maynard. It was a long drive commuting from Rockport every day, but the experience of working for DEC and Ken Olsen was memorable. I retired from being a Rockport Selectman for 39 years, but still keep active in local affairs. Also, I wish to say hello to my many DEC colleagues and friends. nbarletta@comcast.net
- **Regina Barton**, So. CA, writes: It is hard to believe that I have now been retired for 19 years, which is longer than I worked for DEC (16 years). At the LA office, we did have a couple of visits from Ken (of blessed memory) and I never forgot him. Since: we have been living in Leisure World in Laguna Woods for nearly 11 years and there's so much to do here that there's no time to be bored! We are involved with our community and social life and are very grateful that we can still help and enjoy all the activities. I still have contact with quite a few of my DECcie friends from the LA, Orange and San Diego county offices. omaopa56@gmail.com
- **Rita Foley**, Brooklyn NY, wrote that she retired from being President of a \$1b global packaging business 5 years ago in order to dedicate herself to giving back. Today she spends a third of her time on non profit work (she is on the board of Pro Mujer International and The Healthcare Chaplaincy). The second third is for serving on corporate boards so she can provide donations to those non profit initiatives. She also leads Crenshaw Associates board services practice. The last third is for fun. Under the fun category, Rita loves to travel and she has just co-authored a book **Reboot Your Life. Energize Your Career & Life by Taking a Break**, available April 2011. Visit www.rebootbreaks.com for workshops and more information. Congratulations, Rita! photo of book above right. rvfhome@aol.com

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

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

- **Renewing Members:** Debra Amidon, Bob Arnett, Fred Balfour,

Rahoul Banerjee, Jeannine Bardsley, Nick Barletta, Regina Barton, Pam Berg, Ned Berube, Glenn Boston, Richard Collins, Marc Courchesne, John DeMarco, Jim DeZutter, Karen Hamilton, Cyndi Harper, Roger Harris, Jacky Hovey, Andrew Krim, Ian Loughlin, Eliane Markoff, Randy Messer, Mahendra Patel, Tom Pulsifer, Liz Robertson, Len Segal, Phyllis Toomey, Lloyd Tucker, Phil Viscomi, Steve Webber

- **New Members:** Ken Jones, Jane Mann, Lori Noonan, Sandra Morse-Druhan, Armando Stettner

Sad News Department: Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Peter Briggs** and **Dick Dyer**, both of whom passed away suddenly on March 22nd from heart attacks. We were also saddened to learn from Eileen White that her husband and DEC Connection member, **Robert B. White**, who had been an electronics technician in Hudson MA, had passed away on 24 Sept. 2010 from renal failure. [Click here](#) for Memorials page.

Website Updates

- [New Section: About Ken Olsen](#)
- [Ken Olsen Memorials](#) submitted by our members and readers
- [DEC Stories](#) submitted by our members and readers
- [Our Featured Entrepreneur, Carol Ehrlich](#) - 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](#).