

November 2015 News-at-a-Glance



Events

- Join us at this reunion open to Digital Technology Services members in Digital/Compaq/HP:
 - What: **Holidays SPS + Digital Services Alumni Reunion**
When: **Thursday, December 10th**
Cocktails at 5:30 p.m. (cash bar)
Dinner at 7:30 p.m. (optional) (order from menu)
Personal tabs
Where: Bolton Street Tavern, Rt. 85, Marlboro (Marlboro/Hudson town line)
Tel: 508-485-4416 <http://www.boltonstreettavern.com/>
Info/RSVP: Tavo Diaz, 508-361-1682 or tavo@tavodiaz.com
- **Wrap-up of Nov. 7th Phoenix AZ semi-annual lunch at Santisi's Sports Bar.** GalenDavis@aol.com - 2 photos at right
- [see Galen's report and more photos on DEC Connection website here](#)

Coming up:

- Thurs. 25 Feb 2016 - SW Florida, Naples FL - Info: Sally Hering, sahering@msn.com
- Sat. 2 Apr 2016 - Semi-annual Phoenix AZ luncheon at Santisi's Sports Bar. galendavis@aol.com
- Fri. 22 Apr 2016 - Colorado Springs 14th Annual Reunion - Info: Theresa Cordova cosdecreunion@yahoo.com
- Any interest in joining a DEC Connection Chapter on **Cape Cod**? More of our members seem to be retiring there. Email Ava@deconnection.org with your name, email, city and phone number, and she will compile and share a list of interested folks for occasional get-togethers.

Info Exchange

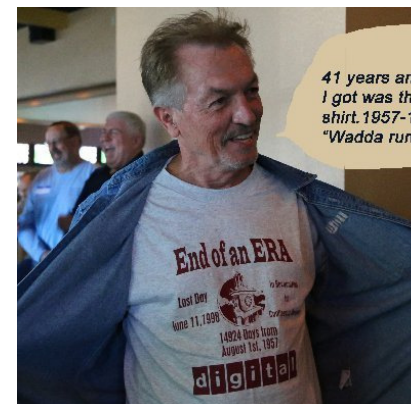
- Frank Coyne, former Digital employee from Galway Ireland, writes:

The retrospective **DEC Leadership, Legacy and Corporate Social Responsibility** programme model ([link here](#)) is just for information, but may be of nostalgic interest to some of your diaspora/group members. An interesting, independent follow-up article appeared in the Financial Times on November 2nd, 2010,

It's Turkey Time again!



Steve Georgoulis won the b shirt contest at the Phoenix reunion.



and the group celebrated AI G 96th birthday.



titled: **Case Study:** Seventeen years after the Digital closure, new doors open in Galway, which your group members might also find interesting. **Francis Coyne, Executive Education and Training Consultants**

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- **A Question from Joel Ryan, a former DECUS member**

First, I grew up using DEC equipment in college and at work. Member of DECUS. Many great memories.

I am trying to locate a Science and Technology newsletter that was emailed in the early 90's and written by a former DEC employee.

Any clues in locating it would be greatly appreciated.

You can reach Joel at: joelryan451@gmail.com

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to renewing and new members: **Pamela Berg (MA), Gail Blizzard (MA), Luiz Camargo (Puerto Rico), Bob Figuerido (MA), Rose Ann Giordano (MA), Florence Goureggian (MA), Ed LoTurco (MA), Bob Nickerson (MA), Pat Otenti (MA) and Pat Pasquale (MA).**

Membership Renewal Procedure: 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 - no leading or trailing spaces - email ava@deconnection.org for help.

- You can also join us (or renew) at www.deconnection.org/join-online.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 - do NOT use any Board member's personal email address.

Staying on our email list: Our newsletter contact manager removes names if the recipient mail server sends a rejection notice. If you haven't received DEC Connection's News-at-a-Glance in a while, or you changed your email address, re-register for our free e-news at:

<http://www.deconnection.org/mail.htm>

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes: send yours to:

ava@deconnection.org.

[See our NewsByte archive page.](#)

- Need some news! Send it in folks! :)

Sad News Department

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

- Dick (Richard Edward) Flutie, 76, Natick MA, 18 November 2015, retired engineer and father of football star Doug Flutie
- Ann (Smithson) Jenkins, 69, Westford MA, 7 October 2015, who was Ken's exec admin for many years
- Details are on our [Memorial Page](#).



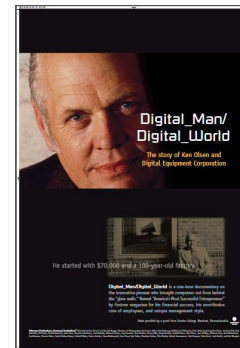
Dick Flutie



Ann Jenkins

Website Updates

- [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)
- **US - Medicare webinar presentations and Q-and-A** now online: Medicare is much more complex than one would think... and there can be some expensive surprises. The presentations and Q-and-A from the HPAA Medicare webinar are now online. 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. Again thanks to Curt Gowan for this valuable advice.
- A handy list of health-related resources for "near-seniors" is on our [Links page](#).
- If you know someone who has been offered the HP 2014 U.S. Phased Retirement Program, please send them this link: <http://www.hpalumni.org/PRP>
 This independent site has advice and reference info from HP alumni who have gone through previous retirement/layoff cycles. We also have an email list for updated info and moderated discussions. Thanks to Curt Gowan for this info.
- 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 the free version on their computers, the URL 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.
- [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. They should be one page or less and be entertaining to our members. [Click on this link](#).
- Featured Member Entrepreneur - Email webmaster with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.
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