

October 2012 DEC Connection News-at-a-Glance



Events

LAST CHANCE to sign up for our SE Florida Yacht Cruise - this Saturday, November 3rd at 4 PM in Fort Lauderdale - we must hear from you (via ticket purchase and email to Ava) by Thursday Nov. 1st. Great company, beautiful scenery on the Intracoastal, and good food and drink (since we're bringing it with us). For instructions/questions, email Ava: webmaster@deconnection.org - here is the link to purchase a \$10 ticket:

<http://www.deconnection.org/tickets-FL-YachtCruise-Nov12.php>

If you have a suggestion for a DEC Connection event, or would like to organize one in your geography, please email webmaster@deconnection.org - thanks!

Future Member-Helping-Member Concall: We have a number of members who are now realtors. We are in the planning stages for a Member Concall concerning the real estate market and today's moving-related issues and processes. I'd like to hear from member realtors who would be interested in participating on a panel discussing information of value to our membership. If you have questions/comments about any aspect of this industry, or would like to know more about specific topics, please email them to webmaster@deconnection.org and we'll ask our member experts to address the issue in their panel discussion topics. Ava will select realtors to participate from different geographic areas. 5-10 min presentation each, with talking point slides (including your contact info) to be distributed ahead of time, followed by a 30-minute Q&A session from listeners. Please ensure that your suggested content is not just an advertisement but contains helpful advice for our members.



DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to new member Michael Brittan!

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes: send yours to:

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

- **Cynthia (Nadreau) Whitty** is currently self-employed with her own marketing and public relations business, Cynthia Whitty Communications. Her clients include the new Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum in Adams, MA, and the Ashland Business Association in Ashland, MA, where she lives with her husband. At DEC she managed a production group (Media Communications Group, Bedford, MA) for nine years and worked as a technical writer (New Software Group, Spitbrook, NH) for two years. Contact her to say hello at cynwhitty@aol.com!
- **Mary Murphy** was selected out of 3,600 applicants to be the first owner of a Charles Schwab Independent Branch franchise in the United States. The selection process is rigorous, and the vast majority of candidates are rejected. Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. is one of the largest full-service investment firms in the world with over 300 company-owned branches, 10 million clients, and \$1.8 trillion under management. Mary located her branch at 2 Cellu Drive, Suite 113, Nashua, NH (off Amherst Street near the former MKO) and welcomes all former Digital, Compaq, and HP staff to visit and enjoy a free coffee,

tea, or soft drink. mmurphy1030@hotmail.com

- **Stephen Lambert** from Colorado Springs writes: My connection with DEC started in 1958-1960; as electrical design engineer, I along with a mechanical engineer (Ken Fitzgerald) invented and built the first hard disk drive in Maynard. The HDD was identified as DF32, and that started DEC into the manufactured disk business. I was co-author with a few patents and later was a VP of DISC sponsored by Dr. Wang (Wang Labs) then Inventor & holder of 1st patent for fluid bearing disk spindle – Application No. US1970000049069. This CXO property was built to manufacture disk drives after I had left DEC to start DISC (Digital Information Storage Corporation) and now I am still working as a contractor for Hewlett Packard completing failure analysis of disk drives in the CX03 building in Colorado Springs. saldec@aol.com
Stephen has sent in some photographs of the Colorado Springs facilities (CX01 and CX02) that were recently dismantled by HP, and souvenir bricks might still be available - contact **Rob Stubblefield** for info at robertstubblefield@comcast.net. See Stephen's photos on the CXO page.
- In other CXO news, **Roger Reich** reports that the DEC team in Colorado can feel a bit of pride as the RA90 has been added to San Jose Computer Museum as the first 9" disk drive in history. **Tom Burniece** (tburniece@aol.com) was key to getting our work recognized. roger.reich@usa.net

Sad News Department

- Our member Andy Puchrik announces with sadness the passing of his wife Deborah Puchrik, who was also a career Digital employee. Deb died in her sleep on September 14th, 2012. She worked in Terminals Engineering at the Mill in Maynard and also as a Technical Sales Consultant out of the Waltham field office. Andy can be reached at andy.puchrik@comcast.net to express condolences.



Deb Puchrik

Website Updates:

- 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!
- **History and Culture page:** Galen Davis sent in a copy of the original Digital Telephone Book.
- **Links page:** We added a section called Volunteer activities - if you have an organization you 'd like to post, email webmaster@deconnection.org
- **NewsByte Archive** will have member notes posted on a cumulative basis.
- 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](#) to enjoy the ones submitted so far.



- 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. Request from within LinkedIn to be added or [email webmaster](#).
- [Ken Olsen Memorials](#) submitted by our members and readers - we are still adding to this page, send yours! Gordon College's Memorial Service for Ken is posted on our [About Ken Olsen](#) page. Download time is 10-60 min. before it plays - files are 75, 260 and 800 MB - so please be patient.
- [Product and Services Page](#) has videos and photos. Please submit your suggestions and content, such as presentations or documents that describe product families, to webmaster@deconnection.org.