

# October 2014 News-at-a-Glance

## EVENTS and Announcements

- **Semi-Annual Phoenix AZ Luncheon is November 1!**
  - the Fall gathering of the DEC Arizona Alumni is planned for Saturday, November 1st at 12:00 noon.  
Location will be same as April, in Phoenix at Santisi Brothers Pizzeria and Sports Bar, 2710 West Bell Road, Phoenix, AZ. Located West of I-17 on Bell Road in the Bell Canyon Pavilions.  
Web page:<http://www.santisibrothers.com/>
  - Questions? email [GalenDavis@aol.com](mailto:GalenDavis@aol.com)
- **DEC Germany (Decnett) - Essen, Germany on Thursday, 11 Dec. 2014** [c](#)  
[for link to decnett.de](http://decnett.de)
- **Special Offer** from Barb Finer for DEC Connection members to try out **TechSandBox** programs: During the rest of 2014, DEC Connection members or anyone showing an old Digital badge when they register at the door will get \$20 off (which is free for more than half the programs). to [www.techsandbox.org/calendar.html](http://www.techsandbox.org/calendar.html) for dates of [programs, SIGs, etc.](#) Lot of Digital alums are already taking advantage of these terrific resources networking and learning. Help celebrate TechSandBox' 1-year anniversary and new 501c3 status! Questions? [barb@techsandbox.org](mailto:barb@techsandbox.org) or 508-485-7263. TechSandBox™ Inc., 105B South Street Hopkinton, MA 01748
- Ted Johnson's family has planned their Celebration of Life memorial eve for May 17, 2015 in Lincoln MA. If you are interested in paying your respects to his family, please see notice on our Memorials page which includes contact information for the organizers.

## DEC Connection Member News

### Welcome to our New and Renewing Members:

Debra Amidon, Bob Brister, Ingolf Marzenski, Van Smick and Ian Waring.

**Spread the news!** Please forward this e-newsletter to your Digital friends and get them to [sign up for membership](#) and/or [this free newsletter](#).

### Membership Renewal Procedure:

Best method to renew: 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 for you - no leading or trailing spaces and it should work - email [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org) for help.

- You can also **join** us (or renew) at [www.deconnection.org/join.htm](http://www.deconnection.org/join.htm)
- You can also send a check to The DEC Connection, c/o Bob Moore, 2 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) - please do NOT use any of the Board members' personal email addresses.

**Staying on our email list:** Our newsletter contact manager disables emails if the recipient mail server sends a rejection notice. If in the future you don't receive News-at-a-Glance, or if you change your email address, re-register for our free e-news at <http://www.deconnection.org/mail.htm>

### DEC Connection Member NewsBytes: send yours to:

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

- Bob Brister writes: My last position with DEC was a product safety incident investigator working in the EHS group at Powder Mill Rd Maynard. Was with DEC for 21 years. I started as a Field Service Eng. at Parker St

Maynard and then moved to the Stow building when it opened in 1982. I am now working as a Product Support Engineer for Philips Healthcare in Andover, MA. I've been with them for 14 years. robert.brister@philips.com

- Mary Cole wrote in with a [link to an essay by Isaac Asimov](#) in *Technology Review* that brought to mind her Digital days. - *How do people get new ideas?* She says: Well, this is a great essay about DEC. It is exactly the wonderful atmosphere we had for so long. And I'm sure it underlies the creativity of the company. All those great consultants who lead group meetings helped facilitate creativity.

## Sad News Department

The Digital community is greatly saddened by these recent deaths:

- Marsha Bates, Pikes Peak CO. 15 Oct 2014
- Stuart Glenn Tramell, 70, Colorado Springs CO, 30 Sept. 2014
- Frank Bowden, Dallas TX, 30 Sept. 2014
- Jim Pitts, 72, Amherst MA; 28 Sept. 2014

[Details are on our Memorials Page](#)

## Website Updates

- 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/PF>  
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 information and moderated discussions. Thanks to Curt Gowan for the 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 Gowar for this posting. Go to <http://www.hpalumni.org/asap> (HPAA membership not required.)

- Thanks to Curt Gowan, HPAA, [for this link to important information](#) on "**Maximizing your Social Security benefits**" from the 5/7/14 HPAA webinar.
- 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 on their computers, the free version 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, accept or request membership in our LinkedIn Group, and send info for article such as Featured Entrepreneur.
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