



DECconnection

A professional association representing organization members from Digital Equipment Corporation employees

November-December 2019

Events

Holiday Season is here again. Enjoy your Digital Christmas Turkey! And hope you had a happy Thanksgiving.



Upcoming:

- Al Saloky says the Big Band has a busy December! [See the upcoming performances of the Compaq Big Band in New England](#)

Recent: [2 Nov Arizona luncheon, Phoenix](#)

Digital and the Industry



■ Heads-up on MetLife auto/home insurance: You may recall that we had an issue last year about Metlife/HP's missing dividend payments to some members who had

Auto/Home insurance with Metlife. However, a new development has occurred. Metlife has recently sent a letter dated Nov. 8, 2019, indicating that Metlife, due to varying state and local regulations, is unable to offer a dividend to all HP insureds and that they are compelled to discontinue the issuance of the dividend. Nancy Kilty [provided this letter to post FYI on our website here.](#)

■ Jim Kapadia (jimkapadia@comcast.net) has noted a significant cost increase (e.g. 22%) for certain retiree medical insurance plans available from HP. Don't know if they reflect structural changes in how HP funds retiree plans, and if they signal HP decreasing its contribution/commitment to those plans.

Does anyone know why the rates have jumped? Please reply to info@deconnection.org.

■ Jack Richardson sent a note on 11/6 after reading in the Wall Street Journal that Xerox was considering a takeover offer of HP. Some have since predicted that this will not occur; [see this 11/8 article from CRN.] HP did reject the offer from Xerox. (<https://www.crn.com/news/channel-programs/5-reasons-hp-might-oppose-the-xerox-takeover-bid>)

■ Maria Naveda sent a link announcing that the Battle Road BrewPub where we had our Spring reunion at the Mill by the Sudbury Street pond has closed. So sad! [Click here for Worcester Business Journal article.](#)

■ Pete Hunter, who lives in Tallahassee FL, would like to organize an affinity group for folks who worked in Purchasing, via email. He provided a reminiscence [click here](#) and says: Well, I am 84 years old now, and still fondly remember those DEC days in Purchasing under Henry Crouse (badge number 26). Ken used to like to address us occasionally at those annual meetings, lecturing us about fairness, and doing what is right. I would love to hear from and about my many DEC friends and colleagues. DEC is dead. Long live the DEC story. DEC under Ken Olsen was a paragon of business virtue and ethics. Petehunter9@comcast.net

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during October and November:

Jim Barclay (MA), Jim Boice (MA), Tim Carlson (CA), Jim Chamberlain (MA), Ron Ginger (ME), John Holz (MA), Harry Manuel (MA), Tom Montague (MA), Dick Noddin (ME), Bob Parsons (NH), Mark Sebern (WI), Joan Shanley (MA), Dean Stoneburner (CO), Karen Umbrello (MA), Bob Werab (TX), and George Whitehead (NH).



Please RENEW your membership if you're due - members check the Member Service Center (instructions below). Other readers, 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:

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 for help.

* You can also join us (or renew) at [Join the DEC Connection online!](#)

* You can send personal checks made out to DEC Connection to Nancy Kilty, 33 Forest St. Unit 416, Lexington MA 02421.

* 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.

Member Newsbytes: Please send your personal new updates to info@deconnection.org. We need your participation to provide an interesting and relevant newsletter for our readers.

NOTES TO OUR READERS:

1. We have upgraded to a faster website server at our hosting company. You may have to reset your bookmark or favorites URL to this new setting. Same URL, www.deconnection.org
 2. Please do not be concerned if, when clicking on a link in this email, your browser or antivirus program tells you that you are attempting to visit a dangerous or unsafe web address. It's a recent policy of some companies to flag any site without an SSL certificate as unsafe. These companies would like to sell more SSL certificates and products. Since we do not collect personal or financial data through our website, we do not need an SSL certificate. When you purchase tickets through our website, we transfer you to the PayPal website, which DOES use SSL security software.
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Sad News Department

Sadly, we were told of these deaths of former Digital employees since last newsletter. Our condolences go out to friends and families of:

Lawrene "Biscuit" Weaver, 60, Colorado Springs, 11 Nov 2019

Jerry Avakian, 71, of Scottsdale AZ, 24 Oct 2019

Louise H. Case, 72, Gardner MA, 17 Oct 2019

John Joseph Harris, Jr., Suisun City, CA, 10 Oct 2019

Barbara Ell Richards, 83, Phoenix AZ, 6 Oct 2019

Mary Dee Moreau, 90, Maynard, 5 Oct 2019

Steve Woestemeyer, 71, Colorado Springs CO, 3 Oct 2019

[Details are on our Memorial Page.](#)

Website Features and Updates

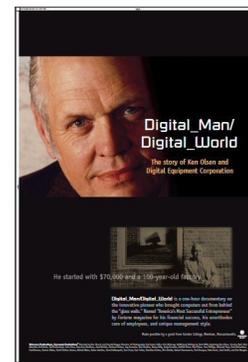
■ [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)

■ The PBS video of the documentary about Ken and the history of DEC, **Digital_Man/Digital_World**, is available online at

[Digital Man/Digital World](#)

It's a wonderful hour-long nostalgia trip. Enjoy!

■ Another URL to watch same documentary on your computer 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, 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 info@deconnection.org. [Click on this link.](#)

■ **Featured Member Entrepreneur** - Email info@deconnection.org with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.

■ If you need info about your **Digital defined benefit plan/retirement**, start by calling the HP Retirement Services Center at Fidelity: 1- 800-457-4015

■ For **Stock plan** info, try Morgan Stanley: 1-210-677-3652 or [this website](#)

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