



DECconnection

A professional association for working organizations for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

Happy Holidays

Hi DEC Connection friends, it's time for your Digital turkey again! Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season.



Here is one way you might like to celebrate: Catch the **Compaq Big Band** at Boston College on Friday, December 2nd. This dance is hosted by the phenomenal folks at BC Full Swing. There will be a group-friendly basic lindy lesson from 8pm-9pm, and the band plays 9pm-11:45pm. Dancers of all levels and age groups, singles, couples, groups, and other collegiate swing and ballroom dance organizations are welcome. Free event. [Details here.](#)

Digital and the Industry



John Holz sent in a couple of funny stories after reading about Jack Mileski's trip to E. Germany and the Russian manual. [Read them at this link.](#)

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during November:
Tony Bento (MA), Laura Burke (MA), Burt Byers (IA), Dave Chen (NH), and Bruce Dillingham (TN).



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 also send a personal check made out 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.

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

Please send your update to: ava@deconnection.org [See our NewsByte archive page.](#)

Thanks to eagle-eyed **Jerry Bernath** (bernathbibi@gmail.com) for sharing this TIMELY advice for DEC SERP and retirees who have been moved to a more expensive Medicare supplement plan by HP - Jerry noticed some fine print explaining how to use the AON Retiree Health Exchange with a benefit of \$1080 to select an alternative supplement to the one HP moved him to. Check this out: you'd have til December 7 to implement a plan beginning Jan. 1, 2017 but if you don't finish you can still start Feb. 1. Thanks also to Nancy Kilty for providing 6 pages of this document now on our [website at this link with further instructions](#). And explaining that if you left the HP plan, unlike previously, you have an option to try this plan but can return to HP options next time. You can also go directly to AON Retiree Health Exchange for HP, 1-800-975-0355, or <http://retiree.aon.com/hewlettpackard>

Sad News Department

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

- Edna Mae McCumber, 72, Colorado Springs CO, 22 Nov 2016
- James Lee (Jim) Nicholson, 70, Bullhead City AZ, 7 Nov 2016
- Heinz Kunz, 75, Zurich, Switzerland, 26 Oct 2016
- Terry Retford, late Oct 2016 • [Details are on our Memorial Page.](#)

Website Features and Updates

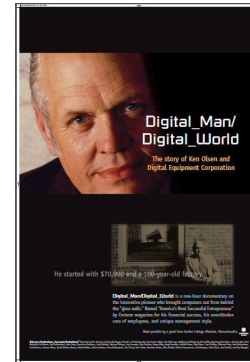
■ Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear

■ The PBS video of the documentary about Ken and the history of DEC, **Digital_Man/Digital_World**, is available online (\$25+s/h) from the PBS store:

[http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?](http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=13315614)

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



For those who prefer to watch the free version on their computers, the URL is: [Link to Ken Olsen/Digital Video](#)

■ **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. [Click on this link.](#)

■ **Featured Member Entrepreneur** - Email ava@deconnection.org 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 LinkedIn to be added or email ava@deconnection.org.

Hewlett-Packard Alumni Association info (membership not required) Thanks to Curt Gowan for sharing all of this valuable advice.

* US - Medicare webinar presentations and Q-and-A: Medicare is much more complex than one would think... and there can be some expensive surprises. 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.

* HP stock and options issues: <http://www.hpalumni.org/stock>

* Leaving HP? Use the HP Alumni Association's "ASAP Checklist" immediately. It has advice on the many things you have to do before you lose access to HP's internal systems. [Go to http://www.hpalumni.org/asap](http://www.hpalumni.org/asap)

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