



DECconnection

A professional association for retiring organization members of Digital Equipment Corporation employees

September-October 2019

Events

UPCOMING:

- Phoenix AZ group semi-annual lunch: Sat., Nov. 2, 2019, noon, at Santisi Brothers Pizza. Info: galendavis@aol.com
- [See the upcoming performances of the Compaq Big Band in New England](#)

[Link to Event RECAP - report and photos](#) See our report from our Summer Italian Festa in Marlborough MA at Bob Alessio's home on August 17th. The weather cooperated and the company and the food were great!

Digital and the Industry



MyHPBenefits

Heads-up for Digital/HP retirees enrolling in Medical Plans: Get ready! HP retiree benefits enrollment is October 7 – 25 [Link to info about 2020 HP Retirement](#)

Health Plans

- Steve Kallis Jr., who managed our video library, has the following request: In 1975, at the movie theater in Maynard, Digital had a "premiere" of the movie, *Three Days of The Condor*, starring a PDP-8/e system, Robert Redford, and Faye Dunaway. The event was quite fun, and was written up for *On Line*. Is there any way that I could get a copy or scan of that writeup? skallisjr@juno.com
- Ron Minezzi says that you can view the Ken Olsen documentary online at: [https://www.pbs.org/video/digital-man-digital-world/Digital Man/Digital World](https://www.pbs.org/video/digital-man-digital-world/Digital%20Man/Digital%20World) It appears that the DVD is no longer available from PBS.
- LOST & FOUND: Diana Skidmore would like to locate John Burroughs, who was a sales engineer in the 1960s in the executive building at Digital Equipment Corp on Baltimore Ave in College Park MD. Diana can be contacted at didiskid1@gmail.com or 401-465-4343.
- Dick Fletcher sent in a photo of a handsome print of the Colorado Springs Facility which he received at his 1992 retirement. See photo here. [See photo here.](#)

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during August and September:

Ernie Bauer (NC), Chuck Bessant (CO), Gail Blizard (MA), Ron Brender (IN), Bob Brownson (MA), David Carthy (Israel), Jack Conaway (NH), Bob Graham (MA), Gail (Georges) Hernandez (NH), Pam Kukla (MA), Steve Marino (MA), Jim McFall (MA), Pat O'Donnell (IL), Ed Samuel (PA), Dick Smith (MA), John Stubbe (OH), and Stephen Thompson (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 yours to info@deconnection.org. We need your input to provide an interesting newsletter for our readers.

■ **Jim Kelley** sent in his personal update: TSFO'd in October, 2002. After a year off, returned via two contracting assignments until Fall, 2008, at which point I retired. We moved from Hollis, NH to Dover, NH in 2006. Dover is considered part of Seacoast NH and a great location for us. Our five grandchildren are a joy, we've managed some interesting travel, participate in local activities, and spend time in Maine. jamesekelley@earthlink.net

■ **Ted Sares** has earned some very impressive honors in his retirement avocations, boxing journalism and power weightlifting. Altho he's 82, he sure isn't slowing down. On Sept 29 in New York, Ted will be presented with the first Harold Lederman Award for excellence in boxing journalism by the Ring10 organization. [See writeup in local news here](#). Congratulations Ted! tedsares@roadrunner.com

■ New member **Ed Samuel** is still busy at work in PA: Ed Samuel, Executive Career and Life Coach, Resume Writer, Job Search Strategist, Interview Training, LinkedIn Profiles, Building Consulting Practices, Career Assessment Team Leader and Consultant, DiSC Personality I.D. Consultant, Believers in Business Leader. [link to his website](#), or email ESAMUEL@SAMNOVAINC.COM

■ **Pam Kukla** writes: At DEC, over the 25+ year period, I had the great good fortune to work in several organizations, beginning in 1974 for Bill Segal in a group that was responsible for marketing media -- paper tape, floppy discs, etc. -- to OEMs and college stores; ME/QC manager in Lou Gaviglia's Salem Systems Manufacturing; for Peter Mercury in the Software Products Group; Gary Eichorn's General Systems Business. I left DEC (the first time) to go work for a dot-com started by other DECCies that went, after a couple of years, dot-bust. I came back to DEC to work for Rose Ann Giordano in the e-Commerce business. I left DEC/Compaq in 1998 and went to work for Dorothy Terrell, another DEC alum, at NMS Communications, a telecom equipment provider. I retired from full-time (paid) work in 2008, moved full-time to our house on Cape Cod. Here, I became heavily involved with a wonderful non-profit, WE CAN (Women's Empowerment through Cape Area Networking, www.wecancenter.org). I eventually joined the board and finished a 2 year term as president at the end of 2018. Truly, I owe so much to DEC: I got to see the world, literally; learned so much -- about tech, marketing, and life; and supported myself and my son well. pam.kukla@gmail.com

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.

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:

Johnny "Jay" Inman, 69, Colorado Springs, 28 Aug 2019

Walker Anderson VI, 60, Holliston MA, 11 May 2019

Jim (James J.) Murphy, 79, Stow MA, 5 Jul 2018

John W. Stewart, 75, Sierra Vista AZ, 26 Apr 2018

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

Website Features and Updates

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

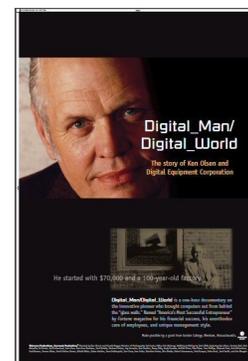
■ The PBS video of the documentary about Ken and the history of DEC, **Digital_Man/Digital_World**, is available online (\$25+s/h) from the PBS store:

[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, 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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