

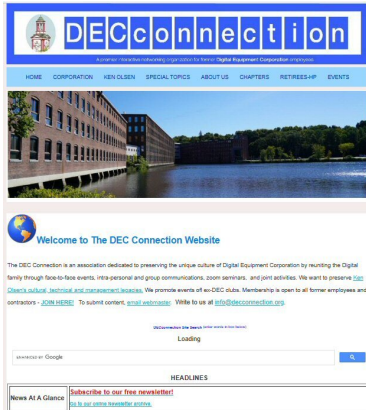


DECconnection

A professional association for networking organization for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

July-August 2023

DEC Connection Website Gets Major Upgrade



We've completed a long-overdue upgrade to our 2006 [DEC Connection website](#). The new drop-down menu makes it easy to find whatever you need. Please check it out and feel free to send content for the many topics you find here. We hope you'll enjoy using the new site! (Note that pages are large, and may require scrolling down.) Please send content and suggestions to ava@deconnection.org.

Events

Summer Get-Together at Kimball Farms in Westford MA -- LAST CALL TO SIGN UP!

We are holding a Kimball Farm (400 Littleton Rd. Westford MA) get-together on Friday, August 4 from 3-6 pm.



IMPORTANT: Meeting place will be in one of the 3 or 4 (free) public tents with picnic tables, just inside by food stand and behind the silo in the photo - NOT in the (expensive) corporate area for private parties. You must look for our group - we'll have at least one DECconnection table sign.

Lots of fun to be had for everyone with games, rides, food, drinks and of course their famous ice cream. See what Kimball's offers by visiting their website at [Kimball Farm website](#).

DECconnection will provide \$15 gifts for all paid-up, pre-registered members, which can be spent on food or fun. Non-members/guests are welcome to join us (but will not receive \$15).

To sign up, just email info@deconnection.org with your names and email addresses. In the event of rain, outing will be postponed until Friday, August 25. We'll announce a postponement on our website home page and by email to registrants.

Tech Talks

We have a couple of talks in the queue. Still working on the next one. Don't forget, volunteers and suggestions to info@deconnection.org!

Digital & The Industry

Although this is really a New Member NewsByte, we're running it here to feature in the hope that several of his former co-workers and friends will get in touch with Ray Lindsay, a brave and determined former DECcie. Ray joined DEC in 1963 in the Pittsburgh office selling all products including the PDP-6. He had previously spent 2 tours in the US Navy aboard submarines.

Ray had an extensive career in international sales. He opened the first DEC office in Mexico and later pioneered the International Market Development District in 1973 with responsibility for South America, Latin America, Iran and India. Ray later spent 3 years in Hong Kong as sales manager for the Far East with responsibility for China, Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, HK and Indonesia. He retired from DEC in 1994.

Ray contracted ALS in 2001. He currently resides in a nursing home in California and communicates with friends using a special PC controlled by his eyes. He'd love to hear from any former DECcies he worked with along the way. Please email him at ray82sonoma@gmail.com.

Lost but not forgotten: Krystal Hopkins Coulter wrote to us in the hope that some readers knew her recently-deceased dad, Phil Hopkins (see Memorial page). "I am Phil's daughter, Krystal. I was hoping to speak with someone that may have known my dad. He worked for DEC for most of my childhood. He passed away October 2nd of 2022." Krystal's email is krystal.ann.hopkins@gmail.com

Lost and found: New member Charlie Cormier would appreciate help in locating his former manager, Donald Berman: "He was my manager in the early 70's, Sales Administration, in the old Mill. He made my future possible through personal caring & generosity, and I'd love to hear how he's doing, and to let him know how he changed my life so positively." Please email Charlie at notentirelydim@gmail.com.

Rick Watson wrote in: I ran across this website recently that may be of interest to your audience. It is a vast library of DEC material of all kinds. I didn't see any reference to it on the DEC Connection site so I'm passing the link along. https://archive.org/details/bitsavers_dec (and yes, it's now on our Corporate/Links page).

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during June and July:
Raggy Arumugham (TX), Jay Atlas (MA), Frank Bomba (MA), Harriet Cohen (MA), Charlie Cormier (FL), Lindalee Cummings Johnson (CO), Marilyn Davison (France), Sam Fuller (MA), Harriet Owens Hodge-Henry (MA), Paul Hymovitz (PR), Alex Janavaris (TX), Steve Jong (MA), Ray Lindsay (CA), Tom McKinney (NH), Mary Pimentel (MA), Pekka Roine (Finland), Robin Russo (MA), David Siembieda (IL), and Steve Taylor (MA).



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.

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

- **Marilyn Davison** writes: After spending 8 years in the Boston area, in late 2022, I moved back to the south of France where my late husband, Michael Rogosin and I had lived for many years. I work for MIT mentoring aspiring entrepreneurs in the Sandbox program and with their partnership with UM6P in Morocco as well as with Change Labs, a mid-Eastern program mentoring start-ups in Egypt, Lebanon and Palestine. My experience at Digital and Arthur D. Little gave me great background for the very diverse mentoring programs that I am currently involved with. davisonmarilyn@gmail.com
- New member **Charlie Cormier** writes: Hi! Enjoying Florida retirement living for ten years now along with Ellen, spouse of 37 years. NotEntirelyDim@gmail.com
- **Rini Sofka** of Maynard writes that she is 97 and doing well. She was sorry to hear about Marilyn Goodrich's passing, as they had worked together and were friendly.
- **Sue Hunt** has retired after a 47-year administrative career at Digital (22 yrs) then CPQ/HP/HPE. She was written up by HPE's employee magazine, and when we asked for a bit about her Digital background to add to it, she sent us an entirely new article about her Digital years! [Here are both to enjoy.](#) Congratulations, Sue (who now lives in FL). suehunt1@comcast.net

Sad News Department

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

- * Warren E. Ehrmann, Sr., 94, Colorado Springs, July 19, 2023
- * Dick Manion, 87, Maynard MA, June 8, 2023
- * Sally Kuehn, 75, Colorado Springs, May 6, 2023
- * Helen VonGunden, 82, Colorado Springs, April 29, 2023
- * Phil Hopkins, 76, Ashby MA, 2 October 2022

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

Website Features and Updates

▪ **MAJOR UPGRADE OF WEBSITE unveiled in July uses a convenient drop-down menu.** Send your suggestions and feedback to info@deconnection.org, and any content to ava@deconnection.org.

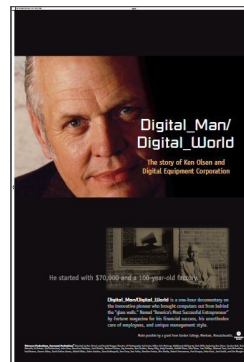
▪ **Use your MEMBER SERVICE CENTER!** Use the Member Login menu under About Us if you have paid dues since 2010. There are queries to find members in your area, and forms to submit to update your profile, send your news, DEC stories, etc. You can check your dues status and renew your membership online. You can email a small photo for your profile, and contribute articles to Our DEC Stories, Member Publicity, or Members In Print.

▪ 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/>



HELP WITH RETIREE BENEFITS

- 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.
- You can contact the Prudential Pension Dept. at 1-877-778-2100 if your pension has been transferred there.
- For **Stock plan** info, try Morgan Stanley: 1-210-677-3652 or [this website](#)
- [Go to the HPAA website DEC page!](#) Don't miss all this useful information.

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