



# DECconnection

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

## March-April 2020

### Events

Dear Members and Friends of DEC Connection,  
Since the last issue of our newsletter, the world has been turned upside-down by the coronavirus pandemic. DEC Connection was founded for the express purpose of keeping ex-Digital employees together, putting on and promoting reunions, but obviously, we won't be doing that until it's safe to do so again.

We are planning to sponsor a seminar about Medicare in the upcoming months, and we are in conversations about how we can participate in Maynard's upcoming 150th Anniversary celebrations.

Until then, please keep in touch online, and send us your personal news updates to [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org) so we'll have something to write about!

Please stay safe and healthy,  
The DEC Connection Board

Upcoming/Tentative:

- **CANCELLED** Sat., 4 Apr. 2020, Phoenix AZ luncheon
- Fri, 29 May 2020, 5-9 pm, CXO Annual, Dublin House, Colorado Springs, [LMarzulla@comcast.net](mailto:LMarzulla@comcast.net)
- Sat, 7 Nov 2020, Phoenix AZ Luncheon TBA, [GalenDavis@aol.com](mailto:GalenDavis@aol.com)
- [See the Compaq Big Band in New England](#)
- Maynard Area: Medicare seminar and Maynard 150th Anniversary events to be announced.

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## Digital and the Industry

■ Member Joan Shanley would like to offer a copy of this book to a former DECcie: *The Ultimate Entrepreneur: The Story of Ken Olsen and Digital Equipment Corporation*. The authors are Glenn Rifkin and George Harrar. The book is in very good shape. If you're interested contact her at email address: [jfs34@msn.com](mailto:jfs34@msn.com).

■ DEC Connection VP Jack Mileski found this link to an interesting article about what IBM wants to do in Artificial Intelligence (AI). [IBM AI article](#)

■ Curt Gowan's excellent HPAA site, is at [this link](#). The website has several sections: Benefits, Career, Contacts, Finance, Stock, HP and Related Companies -- and the "ASAP Checklist" for people in the process of leaving. This is of interest to current HP employees/retirees and Digital retirees.

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## DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during February and March: Susan Azibert (NH), Frank Bomba (MA), Cathy Cambal-Hayward (NH), Larry Cohen (MA), Tom Colatosti (MA), Mary Cole (MA), Geoffrey Darnton (UK), Joe Dempster (FL), Jim Evans (MA), Rose Ann Giordano, Don Holden (NH), Mary Ellen Kennedy (MA), Mark Lefebvre (NH), David Moccia (MA), Al Mullin (FL), Jim Raffa (MA), Beryl Sachs (MD), Grant Saviers (WA), and George Woods (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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@deconnection.org). We need your participation to provide an interesting and relevant newsletter for our readers.

■ New member **Cathy Cambal-Hayward** writes: I am now a Real Estate Broker in the Monadnock Region of New Hampshire, with the Masiello Group. [cch@masiello.com](mailto:cch@masiello.com)

■ New member **Mark Lefebvre** writes: I worked at various DEC facilities including Tewksbury, Littleton MA, Acton, Andover and Maynard from 1986 to 1995. After taking early retirement from IBM in February of 2019 I have been active in the addiction recovery field. My wife Vivian and I founded Safe Harbor Recovery Center in Portsmouth NH and I now manage a NH statewide grant that helps individuals and families dealing with opioid addiction re-enter the workforce. I am also a NH certified peer recovery coach. I now live in a small farmhouse overlooking a pond in Hampton Falls NH with my wife and yellow lab Layla. Our son Joey and daughter Selena have graduated from college and we are enjoying the empty nest. I truly miss my days at and friends at Digital. These were the most rewarding years of my professional career. [onekaway@yahoo.com](mailto:onekaway@yahoo.com)

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### NOTE TO OUR READERS:

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 several companies to flag any site without an SSL certificate as unsafe. 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 recent deaths of former Digital employees since last newsletter. Our condolences go out to friends and families of:

- \* Albert Hsia, 80, San Jose CA, 4 Mar 2020
- \* Rosalie Caiger Sargent, 88, Lunenburg, MA, 19 Jan 2020
- \* Gail Matterson Vazal, 80, of Pocasset MA, 16 Jan 2020
- \* Atlee B. Caldwell, 78, Nashua NH, 8 Jan 2020
- \* Bill Page, 73, Moultonborough, NH, 3 Dec 2018
- \* James Monroe Ellinger, 86, Wellesley MA, 29 Sep 2016

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

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## Website Features and Updates

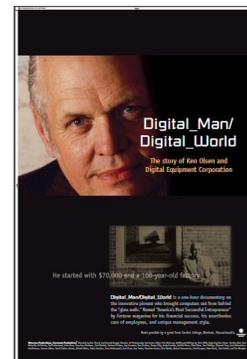
### ■ [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)

■ 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](mailto:info@deconnection.org). [Click on this link.](#)

■ **Featured Member Entrepreneur** - Email [info@deconnection.org](mailto: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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