



DECconnection

A professional association for retiring organization and former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

March-April 2025 News-at-a-Glance

Events - DEC Connection Zooms - Upcoming Tech Talk



On Tuesday, May 14 at 10 am PST, 1 pm EST, and 6 pm GMT, we'll enjoy our next DEC Connection Zoom event - a 2nd Tech Talk with Jeff Bergart.

Jeff's Finance career at DEC was marked by success, innovation and FUN! With his uniquely multi-disciplinary background, Jeff loved to contribute to his organizations in unexpected ways. Jeff's second presentation is about his FUN years in Computer Special Systems (1985-1993).

Sign up now for Jeff's presentation by writing to info@deconnection.org; provide your full name and email address you want the Zoom link to go to. Remember, these nostalgic zooms are limited to our paid-up members of DEC Connection. If your membership has expired or you haven't ever joined up, [please do so now at this link](#). (One year of membership is only \$10 and is OH-SO-SATISFYING.)

To sign up to deliver your own DEC Connection Zoom, either Tech Talk or Corporate, please email info@deconnection.org with your name and a bit about your Digital background and what you'd like to present, and we'll be in touch. International speakers welcome!

SAVE THE DATE! Our summer baseball game at the Worcester Red Sox will be held on Sunday, June 22nd this year, still starting 1 pm. Stay tuned for details.



Digital and the Industry



Congratulations to our U.K. DEXODUS friends on the March launch of their 60th anniversary celebration, and exhibits called the UK Reading Revolution (commemorating the growth of the Reading area computer industry). The DEXODUS partnership with The National Museum of Computing (exhibits July 2024-March 2025), the Reading Museum, DECUS, local university and businesses features several Digital Equipment Corp. computing exhibits and some parties! Two of our board members, Nancy Kilty and Al Goldsworthy, are travelling to the U.K. for the DEXODUS party on May 3rd. They will report on the events and exhibits on their return home.

[See the description of TNMoC's exhibit here.](#)

[Here is the local press coverage](#) (thanks to Bob Glorioso).

Exhibits at the Reading museum will be resident into December 2025. [See their website here.](#)

DEC Connection Member News

Membership Updates

Welcome to our new and renewing members during February and March:

Chuck Bessant (CO), Maureen Burness (CO), Charles Butala (MA), Bob Carlin (MA), John Clancy (NH), Art Clockedile (MA), James DiMauro (MA), Ned Forrester (MA), Sam Fuller (MA), Ed Furilla (MA), Gay Choate Keilty (NH), Anne Mackiewicz (MA), Jack Moore (MA), Maria Navedo (MA), Richard Seltzer (CT), Christina Pasztor (FL), Christopher Peters (MA), Rich Rosenbaum (MA), Ken Senior (MA), Kevin Simmons (WA), David Wallace (NC), Rick Watson (FL), and Nigel Webb (CO).



or renew:

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



Membership Renewal Procedure

* We now offer Zelle as another payment method for membership dues and events! Our payment address is **registrations@deconnection.org**. Please enter your name, cell #, and email address, and what payment is for, in the memo line. Zelle doesn't charge us any fees and is offered by 2200 U.S. banks with more coming. For info see the [Zelle website](#).

- 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.

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

Let's hear from our members about what's going on! Send a short update to info@deconnection.org.

- **Cynthia Whitty** writes: Hello! Did anyone out there work for the Media Communications Group in Bedford, MA, when I was there in the 80s to early 90s? I managed the typesetting group and then went to Spitbrook, NH to work as a technical writer. Currently, I'm the grants manager for a nearby college. Keep in touch! Cynthia (Nadreau) Whitty, MA cynwhitty@aol.com
- **Jim Pazaris** writes: I left DEC after 17 years, in 1994. Stayed in automation control and medical instruments until retirement a few years ago. Focus on grandkids and social action these days. jpazaris@gmail.com

Sad News Department

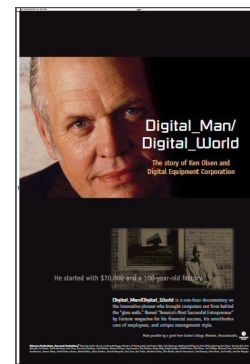
Our sincere condolences to friends and family of:

- * Bob Stannard, 87, Corona CA/Phoenix AZ, February 18, 2025
- * Charline L. Oelfke, 82, Shirley MA/Sarasota FL, February 4, 2025
- * Rich Grove, 81, N. Andover/Chelmsford MA, January 22, 2025
- * Donna Ferro, 72, Watertown MA, December 6, 2024

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

Website Features and Updates

- Our **WEBSITE** uses a convenient **drop-down menu**. Send your suggestions to info@decconnection.org, and any content to ava@decconnection.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.
- Contact Empower (company that acquired Prudential's pension business in April 2024) Customer Service at 1 (855) 756-4738 if your pension has been transferred there.
- However, although Empower manages your account, the actual distribution is still being handled by Prudential's Tax service. If you need to change the bank account number for your distribution, you should call 1-800-392-4643 at Prudential Tax Service, LLC, 30 Scranton Office Park, Scranton, PA 18507-1796. Phone #: 1-800-392-4643
- 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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