



# DECconnection

A professional networking organization for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

**May-June 2019**

**Events**



## **SAVE THE DATE!** Summer Italian Festa in Marlborough

The DEC Connection is planning an Italian summer festa in Marlborough this year. The date(s) chosen are Saturday, August 17 from 2-6 pm, and for a rain date, the following Saturday, August 24th. A huge thanks to our host, Roberto (Bob) Alessio, pictured above as host of his radio program VIVA Italia on WCUW 91.3 FM. His yard has room for bocce ball matches, games, and plenty of space for socializing. Food will be catered and appetizing. We will provide salads, appetizers and antipasto, a selection of hot dishes and all the trimmings; also soft drinks/water. BYOB for liquor. The cost is \$7 per paid-up member and \$10 for non-paid members and guests. Please sign up early to allow us to know how many people we should cater for.



[Sign up on our website here.](#)

### ALSO UPCOMING:

- Management Sciences Consulting Group Reunion: Sunday June 2, 5:30 PM in Berlin MA. info: Carol Ehrlich, ce35@cornell.
- Rescheduled Karaoke lunch in Maynard TBA
- 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 (<http://www.compaqbigband.com/gigs.php>)

**EVENT WRAP-UP:** Maureen Burness reports on the Colorado Springs Reunion, 25 April

Our CXO Reunion was a success = 171+ people came!

Our gracious photographer, Don Jones, took 257 pictures and Rob Stubblefield, keeper of our distribution list, sent them out. *And, as usual, Lorrie Marzulla gathered the troops to set up our memorabilia and took care of our reception table and made sure reminders were sent out as well as taking care of all the other hidden details. Once again, thank you for DEC Connection's contribution. It certainly helped to make our gathering successful. See a few on our [CXO Event page on DEC Connection website.](#)*

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## **Digital and the Industry**

■ I am a former DEC customer, and I have used DEC computers for a long time, starting with a DEC 10 and PDP-8 in the EE dept at Penn State in 1972 (LINC tapes!) and continuing for 20 years through my time with Schlumberger, which relied heavily on the 11/05, 11/34 and 11/780 computers.

The reason I am writing is that I have a number of old DEC hex cards, mostly memory cards it looks like, that I would be love to see have a good home, even if only to use as spare parts. As far as I know, all were working when I acquired them. I hate to see them chopped up for the gold. If there are some of your group who could make use of the cards, I would like to make them available. If not, can you suggest a forum or other place where these ancient cards may be of value to someone? Email Bruce Girrell at: [bgirrell@gmail.com](mailto:bgirrell@gmail.com)

■ Maynard: 150 Years of Community and Culture

The Town of Maynard will be celebrating its Sesquicentennial anniversary in 2021. Planning is already underway for a year of celebrations beginning on April 19, 2020 (Patriots Day). They are looking for some help in specific areas. Follow it [here on Maynard's website](#).

Thanks to Barrie Hunter for sharing this little gem:

\* A wild turkey smashed through a fifth-floor window in the Mill and then wreaked 'havoc' in a Maynard office in April. [See Boston Globe article here](#).

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## DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during April and May:

Betsy Anderson (CO), Curt Anderson (CO), Anker Berg-Sonne (MA), Frank Bomba (MA), Paula Daley (MA), Jim Davis (VA), Eileen DerGurahian (MA), Paul Donovan (CT), Glen Germanowski (MA), Frank Ignachuck (MA), Lindalee Cummings Johnson (CO), Dan Klein (MA), Tom Kopec (MA), Julie Labbe (MA), Joe LaRose (MA), Bill Long (MA), John McClelland (CO), Ralph Mendoza (CA), Ron Patterson (CO), Tom Porcher (MA), John Read (CO), Richard Reichert (FL), Peter Ross (MA), Mark Sanesi (CA), Terry Sarandrea (MA), Len Segal (NH), Rini Sofka (MA), Andrea Starr (MA), Mary Trubiano (MA), Helen Von Gunden (CO), Rick Watson (MA), George Woods (MA), and Mark Yanow (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.

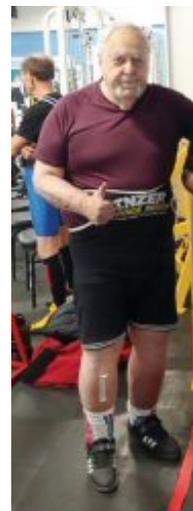


*Bill and Bettylou Long*

**Member Newsbytes:** Please send yours to [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org). We need your input to provide an interesting newsletter for our readers.

■ New member **Bill Long** writes: I was with Digital fairly early, badge 659, from 1963 to 1987. For the most part, it was a wonderful ride. I began as a computer engineer, who didn't know a lot about computers, and managed to work my way through a series of promotions, as did many others who took advantage of the opportunities Digital offered during those years. I joined the somewhat long list of VPs eleven years after hiring on. I expect some members will remember me and my wife Bettylou. The intervening years have been mostly kind to us, but they add up. It's a neat thing that you folks do in keeping some nice memories alive.  
[longbill33@gmail.com](mailto:longbill33@gmail.com)

■ From the Conway Daily Sun: North Conway's remarkable **Ted Sares** (photo right) closing in on 82, won his first powerlifting event of the year at the Can-Am Championships in Brattleboro VT on May 12. The event was sanctioned by the American Powerlifting Association. [See complete article..](#)  
[tedsares@roadrunner.com](mailto:tedsares@roadrunner.com)



*Ted Sares*

■ From **Kirsten and Anker Berg-Sonne**: We are resuming our heavy travel schedule after we had to take a break last year due to some health problems, that fortunately have been resolved. We spent the month of February in Islamorada, soaking up warmth, then, at the end of March, we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with friends and family. May will be spent in Denmark and Crete, Greece, and in November we will visit New Zealand. When home we relax, visit our two daughters and 5 grandkids, and go for (car) top down drives in the local area. I have picked up competitive driving and board membership in the local Porsche club. Kirsten volunteers at our local Council on Aging, and is an active dollhouse miniaturist. [anker@ankersoft.com](mailto:anker@ankersoft.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 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.

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### **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:

- \* Leo White, Colorado Springs, 23 May 2019
- \* Al Gordon, 99, Peoria AZ, 7 May 2019
- \* Rob Ayres, 73, Concord MA, 30 Apr 2019
- \* Gilles Marin, 71, Longueuil (Montreal) Quebec, 26 Apr 2019
- \* Bob Difazio, 85, Moultonborough NH, 26 Apr 2019
- \* Walter Chaffin, 70, Houston TX, 7 Apr 2019
- \* David Hartzband, Jamaica Plain MA, 6 Apr 2019
- \* John J. Kulik, Maynard MA, 6 Apr 2019
- \* Don Smith (GIA/Australia), 28 Mar 2019
- \* Bill DeSimone, 76, Gloucester MA, 27 Mar 2019
- \* Olga M. Caiazza, 93, Clinton MA, 18 Dec 2018

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

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## **Website Features and Updates**

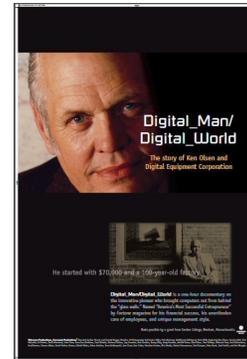
- [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)

- The PBS video of the documentary about Ken and the history of DEC, **Digital\_Man/Digital\_World**, is available online (\$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](#)

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- [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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