



# DECCONNECTION

A professional association for working organizations for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

## May-June 2020

### Events

#### Medicare Webinar

We are pleased to announce our complimentary Zoom Medicare webinar for Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 11 am EDT with time for Q&A at the end.

With the number of HP Corporate Retiree Health Plans being reduced and the encouragement of non-corporate Medicare plans through the AON exchange program, it seems timely to offer a Medicare webinar on decision-making between Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans. What are the questions that need to be asked? How do the tradeoffs affect your medical situation?

Our expert speaker is Jerry Shusterman, a former Digital employee who, as a Massachusetts SHINE Certified Medicare Counselor, has counseled thousands of individuals on Medicare options and services for over 10 years. [See Jerry's bio on our web home page here.](#)

WHAT: Medicare Webinar: Decision-making in Choosing a Medicare Plan

WHEN: Tuesday, June 23, 11:00 AM

PROCESS: Zoom link will be sent to email of registered attendees on Monday, June 22.

Participants will receive any handouts and be able to send in questions at the time of registration and during the webinar. Post-webinar communications with the speaker can be arranged. [Note: Although much of the presentation will apply to Medicare nationally, any state-specific information will apply to Massachusetts]

Registration: To register, send your name, email address, and phone number to [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org) by Friday, June 20. (If you don't hear back from us we didn't receive your registration.)

Upcoming/Tentative:

- **CANCELLED:** Fri, 29 May 2020, 5-9 pm, CXO Annual, Dublin House, Colorado Springs, [LMarzulla@comcast.net](mailto:LMarzulla@comcast.net)
  - Tentative: Sat, 7 Nov 2020, Phoenix AZ Luncheon, [GalenDavis@aol.com](mailto:GalenDavis@aol.com)
  - [See the Compaq Big Band in New England](#)
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## Digital and the Industry

- Richie Lary Interview on You Tube: thanks to Brian Hoffman for forwarding this link to a 3-hour interview of Richie Lary, by Tom Burniece. [Here's the link.](#)
- DEC Connection member Joe Valof sent us his article *Protecting Artificial Intelligence\_ which appeared in the 19 Feb 2019 issue of Law Technology Today\_*. [Here is a link to a copy on our website.](#) Joe can be emailed at: [igcatty@earthlink.net](mailto:igcatty@earthlink.net).
- The Xerox hostile takeover bid of HP was officially withdrawn on 31 March.
- From journalist David Mark: On March 25, 2020 I posted the last of eleven newspaper columns about DEC and Maynard to [www.maynardlifeoutdoors.com](http://www.maynardlifeoutdoors.com). The first had been November 26, 2019. All are posted to that website. Each has several images. The topics in chronological order: Origins, Rise, Minicomputers, Women, DCU, PCs, DECworld, Logo, Decline, Aftermath, and Diversity. This fall, the Town of Maynard will publish a history book as part of 150th anniversary of town's creation. Most of the DEC material will be a chapter. I hope that DEC alumni will find the posted and published information of interest. David A. Mark 10 Maple Street Maynard, MA 01754 978-897-5853 [david@dmarknutrition.com](mailto:david@dmarknutrition.com)

### Lost and Found

1. My name is Benjamin Murray. My dad was **Reed Murray** (photo right). He was a DEC employee for 20+ years before he passed away in 1998 in Maryland where we lived at the time. I



realize it is a bit strange to reach out 20+ years after his passing but I've been thinking a lot about him lately as some of my work experiences and projects are in areas he might have been interested in. To be honest, I don't know that much about what he did other than a couple things I remember himself telling me about tape storage units he was working with. I was 16 when he passed so career topics hadn't come up much at that point. Just in my research online, I've been learning all kinds of new things about Digital and the company's history. I'm reaching out to see if there is a way to connect with some of his former colleagues who may remember him and might be willing to help me learn more about his career life and what he worked on while at DEC.

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2. Members Lou Philippon ([lrwalden13@gmail.com](mailto:lrwalden13@gmail.com)) and Daryl Long ([daryl.long@comcast.net](mailto:daryl.long@comcast.net)) would like to locate Dick Kreischer.

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## DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during April and May:  
Stephen Adrian (MA), Bob Carmichael (CA), David Corbishley (NJ), Eileen DerGurahian (MA), Ray Ferrara (FL), Bruce Filgate (MA), Barbara Gavin (CT), Karin Gremo (MA), Dale Gunn (MA), Cindy Hamilton (NH), Diana Harotian (MA), Roland Hughes (IL), Barrie Hunter (MA), Jim Kelley (NH), Bill Kuch (NH), Marilyn Perry (MA), Terry Potter (ME), Leo Quinn (WI), Kathleen Richer (FL), Don Skipworth (TN), 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.

**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.

■ Member **Marce Enright** writes: Marcelle Enright, 84, badge 128686: still alive and kicking. I have a website ([www.nejazz.com](http://www.nejazz.com)) that shows people where to find great LIVE Jazz or Big Bands (Like our Compaq Big Band) in New England. But with this nasty Covid-19 virus, all the musicians are out of work. It's heartbreaking! I sincerely hope our lives get back to normal in the next couple of months. [marce@nejazz.com](mailto:marce@nejazz.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 browser 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 informed of these recent deaths of former Digital employees since last newsletter. Our condolences go out to friends and families of:

- \* Jim Bennett Jr., 83, Falmouth and Millis MA, 6 May 2020
- \* Jack Schweber, 83, Hackensack NJ and FL, 30 Apr 2020
- \* Alex Hewitt, 71, Manchester NH, 18 Apr 2020
- \* Jack Cook, 80, Tilghman MD, 1 Apr 2020
- \* Daniel A. Duefel, 67, Bolton MA, 24 Mar 2020
- \* Roy W. "Jodie" Gray, 72, Melrose MA, 23 Mar 2020

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

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## Website Features and Updates

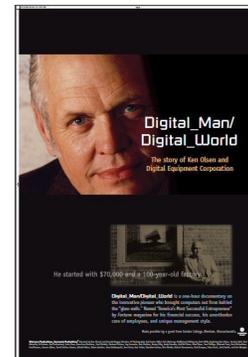
### ■ [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)

■ 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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