



DECconnection

A professional networking organization for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

May-June 2024 News-at-a-Glance

Events



Have you bought your tickets for the upcoming DECConnection event at Polar Park in Worcester MA on Sunday, June 23 at 1 pm? Don't miss this fun opportunity to meet your friends from your Digital days and watch the WooSox in action. This year we are in the private JetBlue Hangar (nee: Triple Decker

Garden) with plenty of room to sit, and an upgraded food and drink selection. Bring your kids and friends along to watch the ball game. All for a subsidized price of \$30 for members and \$40 for guests.

- BBQ Food: The price of the tickets includes all-you-can eat hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, cole slaw, mac & cheese, kettle chips, cookies, water, and lemonade. You can buy alcoholic beverages at their concessions. We've been given a free drink ticket for each attendee as well.
- You may invite non-members of all ages on guest tickets.
- We will have our free raffle for DEC memorabilia.

Tickets are \$30 for each paid-up member and \$40 for non-member/guests. DEC Connection is subsidizing the true cost of \$46 per ticket.

[CLICK HERE TO BUY OUR SUBSIDIZED TICKETS](#)

You will receive a PayPal receipt from us upon purchase; electronic tickets will be emailed to participants before the game. Because we have a firm deadline on buying our tickets, the **LAST DAY TO BUY TICKETS ON OUR WEBSITE IS THURSDAY, JUNE 6. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Please note: When you hit the submit button, you will be transferred to PayPal to pay with a credit card or a PayPal account; you do NOT need a PayPal account. Look for "Pay with debit or credit card." You might have to scroll down the page to find this.

Each group must include at least 1 paid-up member so [join DEC Connection here](#) if you haven't joined or need to renew.

[Here is a link to extensive info about parking near Polar Park, 100 Madison St., Worcester.](#)

Any questions/issues, email info@deconnection.org.



Recent Mini-Reunions: Management Sciences, organized by Carol Ehrlich, enjoyed a happy get-together on April 28 in Stow MA. [CLICK HERE](#) for Carol's write-up and additional photos.

DEC Connection Zoom: Listen to past recordings on the [Zoom page](#).

We're now looking to schedule new Tech Talks or Corporate Talks. Speakers worldwide are welcome! To volunteer to deliver a DEC Tech Talk or Corporate Talk, please email info@deconnection.org with your name and a bit about your Digital background and what you'd like to present. We will get back to you.

Digital & The Industry



Sad news awoke us this morning from the New York Times: Gordon Bell passed away at age 89 from pneumonia on May 17th at his home in Coronado CA. Click link below for entire feature story.

[New York Times write-up on Gordon.](#)

We have just learned about a company in Walpole MA called Aegis Solutions that has expertise in repairing and maintaining Digital computers. In addition, they will purchase hardware for parts, and also would also be happy to award finders fees to anyone that can refer a company needing DEC repair or maintenance (and who signs with them).



This info comes from new DECconnection member Shawn Kelly, VP Global Sales at Aegis Solutions (photo above):

We are a company that specializes in keeping old DEC gear alive. We have a couple of the best techs still in the business and have contracts globally for maintenance and repair of DEC gear. HPE sends most of their Dec gear needing repair to our specialist. We are actually looking for systems to repair and for parts for gear that is active in the field.

[Here is a link to Aegis Solutions' DEC brochure.](#)

Shawn Kelly's contact info:

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DEC Connection Member News

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

Curt Anderson (CO), Jim Best (WY), Brian Brooks (KS), Mary Cole (MA), Eileen DerGurahian (MA), Tony DiCenzo (MA), David D'Innocenzo (NJ), Judy Durant (FL), Bruce Filgate (MA), Marshall Goldberg (WA), Don Holden (NH), Shawn Kelly (MA), Nancy Kilty (MA), Pam Kukla (MA), Leanne Woods Leonard (FL), James Magaldi (MA), Ed Mierzwa (NJ), Dilip Phadke (MA), Jesslyn Sullivan (MA), Rod Sutherland (MA), and Stan Znamierowski (AZ).



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

▪ **Curt Anderson** writes: Life is good in Colorado. We live in a 55+ community (Anthem Ranch). Trying to stay fit with tennis, swimming and biking and working for the Colorado Rockies baseball team.

Love DECconnection. I sure miss our old DEC days. What a great place to work!

▪ **Nancy Kilty** writes: Life is good for me as well. I just returned from a South American trip (Chile/Patagonia/Argentina). It was a great trip, but I wasn't quite ready for days to start at 4:30am! I've recovered and am now taking the next few months to catch up with old friends at a more leisurely pace.

nancy_kilty@hotmail.com

Sad News Department

Our sincere condolences to friends and family of:

- * C. Gordon Bell, 89, Coronado CA, 17 May 2024
- * Jim Porter, Colorado Springs CO, 14 May 2024
- * Chet Jacobs, 81, Stow MA, 7 May 2024
- * Char Watkins, Colorado Springs CO, 27 April 2024
- * Michael Roy, 66, Shirley MA, 23 April 2024
- * Donald F. Fitzgerald, Sr., 82, Townsend MA, 7 February 2024

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

Website Features and Updates

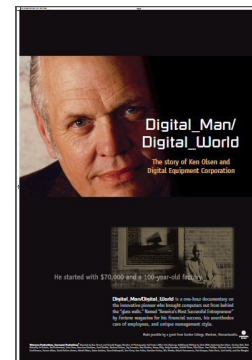
- Our **WEBSITE** uses a convenient drop-down menu. Send your suggestions to info@deconnection.org, and any content to ava@deconnection.org.
- Use your **MEMBER SERVICE CENTER!** Use the Member Login menu under About Us if you have paid dues since 2010. There are queries to find members in your area, 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 HPA website DEC page!](#) Don't miss all this useful information.

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