

## January 2016 News-at-a-Glance



### Events

#### Southwest Florida DEC CONNECTION Get Together

Thursday, February 25, 2016

LOCATION: 'M' GRILL RESTAURANT ON VENETIAN BAY –  
VENETIAN VILLAGE, NAPLES, FL

<http://www.MWaterfrontGrille.com>

TIME: 5:30 – 9pm

Everyone will be responsible for their own tab. Please RSVP to:  
Sally Hering, [sahering@msn.com](mailto:sahering@msn.com), 954-646-2360



View from the M Grill  
in Naples FL

### Save the Date:

- Sat. 2 Apr 2016 - Semi-annual Phoenix AZ luncheon at Santisi's Sports Bar. [galendavis@aol.com](mailto:galendavis@aol.com)
- Fri. 22 Apr 2016 - Colorado Springs 14th Annual Reunion at the Academy Hotel - Info: Theresa Cordova [cosdecreunion@yahoo.com](mailto:cosdecreunion@yahoo.com)
- Sat. 15 Oct 2016 - The 30th anniversary of DDITC (Discover Digital in the Caribbean) will take place in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Contact Alex at [alexrsinger@yahoo.com](mailto:alexrsinger@yahoo.com) (see his note below).

## DEC Connection Member News

### Important Update re: our e-newsletter Mailing List

During March the GoDaddy contact manager we have used since 2006 is being retired as a product. We are anticipating the arrival of Mr. Murphy in conjunction with the migration to a new application. If you do not receive our newsletter at the end of March, please come to our website at <http://www.deconnection.org> to re-register for our e-newsletter.

This change will *not* impact our website [Member Services Center](#).

**It's Renewal Time!** It's getting easier and easier to lose track of time.

We'll soon be sending a reminder email to those of you who have paid dues since 2010, but your membership has expired at some point up to now. If you can renew, we'd appreciate your continued support. If you have not paid dues in the past but are enjoying our e-newsletters please consider joining for a year and sending in a brief update on your activities for our newsletter (members please send updates too). Thanks!

#### Welcome to renewing and new members:

Jackie Awerman (FL), Sandy Cooper (FL), Lindalee Cummings Johnson (CO), Ralph Dieter (NH), Bob Glorioso (MA), Dave Goodwin (UK), Don Harbert (MA), Dick Helliwell (CO), Don Holden (NH), Barrie Hunter (MA), Jan Jaferian (FL), Dick Loveland (NH), Joseph Mangiafico (MA), Deanna Michaelson (MA), Jack

Mileski (MA), James S. Montague, Sr. (MA), Mike Renzulli (NH), Jack Richardson (MA), Claire Messier Robinson (MA), Ava Schutzman (NH), Alex Singer (FL), Ken Vonasek (MA), and Sue Yarger (NH).

**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 [www.deconnection.org/join-online.htm](http://www.deconnection.org/join-online.htm)
- You can also send a check to The DEC Connection, c/o Bob Moore, 28 Fernglade Rd., Burlington MA 01803. \$10 for 1 year, \$25 for 3 years.

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.

## DEC Connection Member NewsBytes: send yours to:

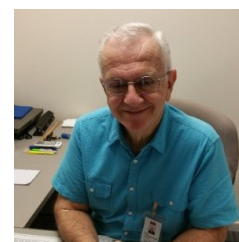
[ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org).

[See our NewsByte archive page.](#)

- **Alejandro (Alex) Singer** is the brother of Henry Singer (rip) and was Sales Manager in the DECI Caribbean Office (1986) and Country Manager at DEC Mexico (1988). Now retired and living in Ocala, Florida, is devoting time to organize the 30th anniversary party of a "Decworld" style computer show we put together in San Juan, Puerto Rico in October 1986. The 30th anniversary of DDITC (Discover Digital in the Caribbean) will take place in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Saturday October 15, 2016; if interested in attending please contact me at [alexsinger@yahoo.com](mailto:alexsinger@yahoo.com).
- **Barbara Finer** writes that Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Polito visited TechSandBox, the innovation hub in MetroWest during January. Among the luminaries attending the proceedings was **Rose Ann Giordano**, former Digital VP, Board of Advisors to TechSandBox, and DEC Connection member. [barb@quivivity.com](mailto:barb@quivivity.com)
- **Jack Mileski**, our DEC Connection VP, thought that some may enjoy [reading this book](#) about the management battles and employee strike/grass roots movement at the New England-based food chain Market Basket. He says: Digital Equipment Corp (DEC) was similar in having management respecting the employee base – with which the [www.deconnection.org](http://www.deconnection.org) continues to exist after 17 years of DEC's independent existence. I was also at Bell Telephone Laboratories where similar collegiate employees totally respected each other!

[jack@deconnection.org](mailto:jack@deconnection.org)

- **Jack Burness**, now of Colorado Springs, sent photos of the renovation of the Maynard Mill, which will morph over the coming year into "Mill and Main." Rob Stubblefield, organizer for the Colorado Springs group, says: When I was working in Westminster I went to some part of the Mill almost every week. What a maze! DEC may be gone but the Mill lives on...



Alex Singer



Demolition photo



Concept Design for Mill &amp; Main

## Sad News Department

Sadly, we have some deaths of former Digital employees to report:

- (Marion) Jean Neal, 86, North Chelmsford MA, 31 Jan 2016
- Sue Dvorak, 74, Garland TX and Colorado Springs, 30 Dec 2015
- Gerald T. Power, 61, Clinton and Maynard MA, 22 Dec 2015
- Joseph J. Bilello, 82, Gulf Breeze FL, 17 December 2015
- Sheila Jackman Power, 86, Maynard MA - September 4, 2015
- Details are on our [Memorial Page](#).

## Website Updates

- [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)
- US - **Medicare webinar presentations and Q-and-A** now online: Medicare is much more complex than one would think... and there can be some expensive surprises. The presentations and Q-and-A from the HPAA Medicare webinar are now online. Both speakers are very experienced, succinct, and practical.  
<http://www.hpalumni.org/medicare>  
 - Part 1 -- Medicare Explained -- with Heads Up Warnings, by non-profit health insurance counselor Connie Corrales.  
 - Part 2 -- Medicare for HP Retirees, by Aon Retiree Health Exchange analyst David Rew.  
 - Part 3 -- Q and A. Again thanks to Curt Gowan for this valuable advice.
- The independent Hewlett-Packard Alumni Association has a page on stock and options issues:  
<http://www.hpalumni.org/stock> (Membership not required)
- A handy list of health-related resources for "near-seniors" is on our [Links page](#).
- If you know someone who has been offered the HP 2014 U.S. Phased Retirement Program, please send them this link: <http://www.hpalumni.org/PRP>  
 This independent site has advice and reference info from HP alumni who have gone through previous retirement/layoff cycles. We also have an email list for updated info and moderated discussions. Thanks to Curt Gowan for this info.
- Know someone who is leaving HP? Please pass the word to anyone leaving HP to use the HP Alumni Association's "ASAP Checklist" immediately. It has advice and mutual help -- developed by HPAA members -- on the many things you have to do before you lose access to HP's internal systems. Thanks to Curt Gowan for this posting. Go to <http://www.hpalumni.org/asap> (HPAA membership not required.)
- 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?productId=13315614>  
 It's a wonderful hour-long nostalgia trip. Enjoy! For those who prefer to watch the free version on their computers, the URL 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, access or request membership in our LinkedIn Group, 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 [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org). They should be one page or less and be entertaining to our members. [Click on this link](#).
- Featured Member Entrepreneur - Email webmaster with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.
- If you are a member you are entitled to join our Linked In DECconnection Group. Request from within LinkedIn to be added or [email webmaster](#).

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