

June 2015 News-at-a-Glance



Events



[Recap: See our photos from the June 13 Kimball Farm Summer Party - Maynard Area.](#)
A nice group and a good time had by all!

Announcing Nashua NH Get-together for Summer 2015 (everyone is invited)

Nashua Dinner & A Movie: Jaws on Wed July 23 with dinner by Surf - movie starts at dusk

JAWS



Email ava@deconnection before **Saturday, July 19th**, with your name, email address, and # of tickets you bought.

You buy your own tickets at www.nashuamovies.com. Movie tix are \$10 each, plus cost of your dinners.
DO NOT DELAY if you want to participate - this is a public event and can sell out.

East Pearl Street will be closed to traffic from Main Street to Spring Street. The street will be transformed into an outdoor cinema with a jumbo movie screen and tables and chairs to accommodate 160 patrons. Full menu service will be provided by [Surf](#) (a great restaurant, click link for menu) beginning at 7 p.m. Movie will start at dusk, with beverage service continuing throughout the showing. The events will conclude about 10:45 p.m. In event of rain, date will be following Wed, July 30th.

SAVE THESE DATES:

- 7 Nov 2015 - Phoenix AZ semi-annual lunch at Santisi's Sports Bar, Phoenix. AZ at 12:00 noon
- 24 Feb 2016 - SW Florida in Naples FL
- 22 April 2016 - Colorado Springs 14th Reunion

Can you help?

We received the following request for assistance. If interested please contact Tina directly.

We have several DEC-10 tapes which we would like to have converted to DVD format.

Could you provide us with any contact information for any folks who might be able to perform this task, preferably in the

Boston, MA area.

Thanks so much, Tina George (for Joel Rosenfeld), Director of Finance, United University Professions (518) 640-6608 or email tgeorge@uupmail.org

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to new and renewing members: Joanne Andrews, Dave Backus, Bev Barry, AJ Beaverson, Tony Bento, Tim Carlson, Stephen Cordeiro, Phyllis DeMers, Marilyn Goodrich, Eliane Markoff, Suresh Masand, Sanford Schulman, Thomas Vallas, and Nettie Watson.

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes: send yours to ava@deconnection.org

- **Ralph Dieter** wrote in to commemorate a major occasion in many of our lives: I note that this past Friday, May 29th, is the anniversary of our last day on the job. Those of us taking the SERP package were done that day. 23 years ago! k1rd@k1rd.net

[Editor's Note: this is also the genesis of the Digital Retirees Association, the predecessor organization of The DEC Connection. Happy Anniversary to us all!]

- **Mary Cole** wrote in with a link to **Stephen Kallis Jr.'s** short film *Clear* from 1975 about a PDP-8 application showing how a computer is used by a Fixed Base Operation to aid in dispatching aircraft.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pqgpl8jJCPw&feature=youtu.be>

Membership Renewal Procedure: Click this 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 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 - do NOT use any Board member's personal email address.

Staying on our email list: Our newsletter contact manager removes names if the recipient mail server sends a rejection notice. If you haven't received DEC Connection's News-at-a-Glance in a while, or you changed your email address, re-register for our free e-news at: <http://www.deconnection.org/mail.htm>

Featured Entrepreneur: we'd like to update you on the activities of **Eliane Markoff** and her innovative charitable organization, **Art in Giving**.

Last year, they produced a powerful 3 minute video: <https://vimeo.com/119906114>

and they received some visibility from The Globe:

http://www.boston.com/business/blogs/global-business-hub/2013/12/art_in_giving_p.html

Art in Giving raises funds for childhood cancer research by selling the fine arts. It combines the creativity and generosity of over 60 artists with the needs of talented cancer researchers. Our business model makes it possible to increase funds

available for pediatric cancer research without compromising other philanthropies. The funds we target are business expenses allocated for facility management to adorn buildings and offices. We also target budgets allocated for gifts to recognize individuals such as guest speakers and board members and to reward executives and other employees. Our clients include Microsoft, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, Sanofi/Genzyme, Pfizer and Raymond James.

So, if you are still in the working world, or can influence someone who is, or just want to patronize some fine arts, please consider using Eliane's company to beautify your surroundings while making an impact in fighting childhood cancer. It's a WIN-WIN for all!

www.artingiving.org

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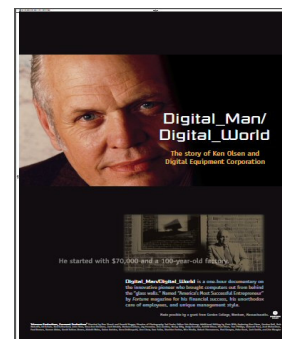
Sad News Dept.

We are saddened to report the recent deaths of these former Digital employees. [See Memorial page for details.](#)

- Dick Poulsen, 80, Clearwater Beach FL, our long-time executive running the international business
- Elizabeth (Betty) Connor, 84, Charlton MA, senior Quality Supervisor while at Digital
- Allen B. Forgues, 67, Monson MA, buyer while at Digital

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.
- 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. They should be one page or less and be entertaining to our members. [Click on this link](#) to enjoy the ones submitted so far.
- Featured Member Entrepreneur - Email webmaster with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.
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