



# DECconnection

A professional association for networking organization for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

## March-April 2019

### Events

#### **KARAOKE!** Sing Along Afternoon (with late lunch)

The DEC Connection is holding a sing along (karaoke) & late lunch on Saturday June 1st from 1-5 PM at the Pleasant Cafe at 36 Main Street in Maynard. Come and join your DEC colleagues and have a delicious dinner and sing the afternoon away. The food is provided and there will be a cash bar. The food buffet will include: pretzels, garlic bread, sandwich platter, chicken and eggplant parmesan, salad, chicken tenders, steak and cheese eggrolls, and for dessert, coffee/tea and cookies.



There will be group, solo, and duo sing alongs. There will also be prizes for the best solo and duos (as determined by the group). The cost is \$10 per paid-up members and \$15 for non-paid members and guests. **Space is limited so sign up early on our website [here](#).** We'll sell tickets through May 24 or until reaching capacity.

#### ALSO UPCOMING:

- Phoenix AZ group semi-annual lunch: Sat., April 6, 2019, noon, at Santisi Brothers Pizza. Info: [galendavis@aol.com](mailto:galendavis@aol.com)
- Colorado Springs: Thursday evening, April 25, 2019 Info: Lorrie Marzulla, [lmorzulla@comcast.net](mailto:lmorzulla@comcast.net)
- Management Sciences Consulting Group Reunion: Sunday June 2, 5:30 PM in Berlin MA. info: Carol Ehrlich, [ce35@cornell.edu](mailto:ce35@cornell.edu)
- [See the upcoming performances of the Compaq Big Band in New England](#)

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## Digital and the Industry

### ■ **Alert: UMass Memorial Hospital & United Healthcare Insurance**

We received urgent information from one of our members who has HP's United Healthcare Medicare Advantage Plan with PCP at UMass Memorial Hospital. What was recently learned was that this Hospital no longer accepts United Healthcare insurance. This was discovered under a normal routine visit but would have been very difficult if it were an emergency. For those who have similar coverage with your care at UMass Memorial Hospital, you might want to check with

United Healthcare to see if you need to make a change. Note, it was later discovered that there was a letter from UMass Memorial Hospital that discussed coverage from 30+ insurance companies, including, buried in the detail, the fact that UHC policies would no longer be accepted. Let us know if you have experienced Hospitals dropping Insurance Providers or any other major issue that our readers should be aware of (please email to [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org)).

■ **Historic Rainbow Computer Giveaway** Limited time offer: pick up this historic Rainbow Computer that lived in Clock Tower Place after Digital closed the Mill, before it gets junked. Contact Jack Mileski at [jack@deconnection.org](mailto:jack@deconnection.org) or 978-897-2192. Photo above is of a Rainbow.

■ **Location Code** website lookup: [Directory of Location and DTN Codes from July 1988](#). Our contest winners, who submitted the most 3-digit location codes (not buildings or cities), was a tie between Pat Molloy, Barrie Hunter, and Barbara Coleman Menefee with 12 locations/15 buildings. Most people submitted at least 9 different location codes. Honorable mention goes to Marilyn Goodrich who, as a temp for 5 1/2 years prior to being hired, contributed in 49 different locations. Thanks to all who entered for your enthusiasm and participation!

■ **We've received this request** from Debbie Chertkow Guy: My father David Chertkow died on a DEC company trip on a chartered flight from Shannon Airport in Ireland back to where we lived in Geneva, Switzerland on November 12, 1976. He and his entire team died. I'm looking for anyone who knew my father or had heard of this story. I suppose even all these years later I struggle to understand the tragedy, and it comforts me to hear any stories. Please contact Debbie at [debbie@chix-with-stix.com](mailto:debbie@chix-with-stix.com) if you have any info about her dad to share.

■ **Lost and Found**: Colorado Springs employee P.R. Brady would like to contact his former cube mate, Joanne Coffee. Please email him at [prbrady@epix.net](mailto:prbrady@epix.net) if you can help.



Welcome to our new and renewing members during February and March:

Tom Austin (MA), Jackie Awerman (FL), Ned Berube (MA), Michael Bujnowski (NH),

Laura Burke (MA), Maureen (Cicione) Burness (CO), Robert Chen (CA), Julie Corenzwit (MA), Bill Cox (NH), Gene Cronin (NC), Carol Ehrlich (MA), Rose Ann Giordano (MA), Bernie Hall (MA), Jim Higgins (MA), Barrie Hunter (MA), Stephen Jablonsky (MA), Alex Janavaris (TX), Michalene Kosinski (NH), Joe Mangiafico (MA), Peter Martin (MA), Deanna Michaelson (MA), Aline Migrants (MA), Avram Miller (CA), Pat Molloy (FL), James Montague, Sr. (MA), Bob Morrison (MA), Mary Anne North (MA), Sonny Provencher (MA), Kathleen Richer (FL), Claire (Messier) Robinson (MA), Barry Rosen (MA), Emilie Schmidt (NC), Dean Stoneburner (AZ), Ava Schutzman (NH), Bill Seaver (MA), Dick Stahli (TX), Caleb Paul Stewart (MA), Sam Tabron (LA), Paul Thompson (CO), Gail Warner (NJ), Ed Warwick (AZ), Nigel Webb (CO), Barbara Weinstein (MA), Sue Weiss (MA), Mel Woolsey (GA), Nancy Woolsey (GA), and Don Yelton (NH).



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.

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**Member Newsbytes:** please send yours to [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org) - 2-3 lines telling members about your activities since Digital. We like to hear from you!

■ **Tom Austin** writes that he is launching a new research and advisory service (TheAnalystSyndicate) at the end of June 2019. Already have 19 contributors. For an early peek, see <https://www.thansyn.com>. If you have an analyst background (IT and business) and are retired or soon to be, and want to keep up your involvement in the industry, drop me a line at [tom@thansyn.com](mailto:tom@thansyn.com).

■ From **John Potucek**: In November 2018, I got re-elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives for the 2019-20 Biennium. I was first elected to the 2015-16 Biennium, but missed the 2017-18 Biennium. I'm on the Commerce & Consumer Affairs Committee. It is easily the busiest Committee in The House. This is a "full time" job, traveling to Concord NH at least three days per week. (And there may be 4-day-weeks upcoming.) All this for \$100.00 per year, with a free EZ-Pass. Definitely a "Citizen Legislature." Live Free or Die!! I'm still on Facebook at the usual place, and I can now, also be reached at [John.Potucek@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:John.Potucek@leg.state.nh.us).

■ **Avram Miller** recently joined DEC Connection. He is a former Former Group Manager at Digital Equipment (1979-1983) and Vice President of Business Development and co founder of Intel Capital (1994-1999) CEO, the Avram Miller Company (1999-2018). He is now retired and writing a book on the computer industry (1979-2004). Avram lives in Tel Aviv Israel. [avram@avrammiller.com](mailto:avram@avrammiller.com)

■ **Gail Warner** has just joined DEC Connection. She lives in NJ and says she hopes to hear from old friends and co-workers at [warnerg1@verizon.net](mailto:warnerg1@verizon.net)

■ New member **Robert Chen** at ASA Computers wanted to recruit six VAX/Alpha OpenVMS technical people in different parts of USA to be consultants to our company. We are an authorized partner with Stromasys (Geneva) and are converting legacy VAX/Alpha to x86/Windows platform. [rchen@asacomputers.com](mailto:rchen@asacomputers.com)

■ **Pat Molloy** reports that she has been happily retired for a year and a half, and is finally able to enjoy her home on Marco Island in Florida. She moved there 15 years ago, but spent most of her time flying to various locations working with high tech clients on improving sales performance. So life is good, and she and her little Miss Molly Molloy, her 1½ year old Cavanese puppy, are having a wonderful time. [pat@thesalesalliance.com](mailto:pat@thesalesalliance.com)

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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:

- \* William P. (Bill or "Pipe") Keating, 88, Concord MA, 8 February 2019
- \* Peter Lamb, 60, Annapolis MD and Dania FL, 21 January 2019
- \* Paul A Serra, 59, Nashua NH, 13 December 2018
- \* Dick Thompson, Colorado Springs, 9 November 2018
- \* Jo Anne Falco, 63, Merrimack NH, 15 June 2015

[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:

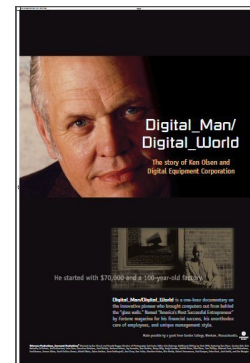
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It's a wonderful hour-long nostalgia trip. Enjoy!

**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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