

A small Project for future Ken Olsen honors:

We are compiling a 1-2 page document summarizing the significance/legacy of our DEC products (e.g., "firsts" and substantiated "bests") to the world of technology. This will be given as background to organizations who wish to honor Ken Olsen and Digital's legacy in the future.

If you would like to make improvements to the draft table (which is based on [Rod Sutherland's 2008 address](#) at the dedication of the Ken Olsen Science Center at Gordon College), [please go to this link](#). (link is also in Home page Announcements). You can download a word document and send it back with changes in a different color or using track changes. Please email your comments and proof points to webmaster@deconnection.org. Thanks for your help!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS from
The DEC Connection!

DEC Connection Membership News:

Congratulations and thanks to our member, **Bob Alessio**, a 30-year Digital veteran, for joining our DEC Connection Board.

Bob stays very busy with his interest in Music, Adventure Sports, and as the Producer/Programmer of a Radio Show (photo at right at WCUW). His memories of Digital: Best-In-Class Founder, Company, Colleagues, Products and Services!



Welcome to our new DECconnection
Board Member, Bob Alessio

We can always use more good ideas and help to keep our Digital connections alive, so if you are interested in contributing, even for specific events, please contact Nancy Kilty at nancy_kilty@hotmail.com.

- **Renewing Members:** Mary Colwill
- **New Members:** Jackie Awerman, Becky Brandenberger Devoe, Chuck Lane, Bruce MacFadden, Michael Shoepke, Christopher Williams

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

- A special request for help from our member, Marcia Russell: do you know any DECcies in the Gainesville FL area? Her friends, former DECcies **Steve Teicher (Engineering)** and **Del Thorndike**, are coming to Shands Hospital on Dec. 4 because Steve will be undergoing brain surgery on Dec. 7th. Del would like to meet former DECcies nearby if possible. Please email her to express support at thorndike9@aol.com
- Our member, **Eliane Markoff** will receive a community award on December 13th from Women Entrepreneurs in Science and Technology (W.E.S.T) at the Microsoft NERD Center in Cambridge MA for her work with Art in Giving and the Rachel Molly Markoff Foundation. Congratulations, Eliane!

- Our new member **Michael Schoepke** works at the *Daily Herald* in Chicago. He writes: "We have an 4 CPU ES450 system running 8.3. Running circulation and receivable packages for our newspaper. Around 3.5 million lines of COBOL. *Long live VMS!*" mschoepke@dailyherald.com
- New member **Bruce MacFadden** writes: I joined Digital in 1969 at the Mill, worked in Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Stow, Princeton, and parts of Europe. I came to Houston with Compaq from Singapore in 2000. I retired in 2003 after doing a bit of the prelim merger work with HP. My wife and I split our time with about 7-8 months in Texas and 3-4 months at Lake Sunapee, NH. macfad@att.net

Hewlett-Packard News:

Early next year, HP will demolish 3 buildings in the Colorado Springs campus: CX01, CX02, and CX08. CX03 will remain.

DEC Connection will be hosting the upcoming annual meeting of the HP Retirees Association in mid-January in the greater Boston area. Stay tuned for details in December.



DEC Big Band News:

This Friday, Dec. 2nd, in Amherst NH the Compaq Big Band will participate (final set) at the Souhegan High School Night of Jazz Concert Series. Admission only \$10, all proceeds benefit high school jazz programs. Door opens at 6:30 PM, Concert from 7 - 9:30 PM. Details at www.compaqbigband.com



Sad News Department:

We are sorry to report the deaths of three former DECcies; our condolences to their family and friends:

- Our member, **Stephanie Tedesco**, in July 2011
- **Sarah Whittemore**, (left photo) an exec admin for 20 years at Digital and wife of our new member Joe Beaumont, in April 2011. You can email condolences to Joe at ibeumont40@aol.com
- **Wini Ferguson**, (right photo) who worked in our Corporate Library, in October 2011



[Details on the Memorials page.](#)

Website Updates:

- Review of the **Ken Olsen Tribute Day**: [Here is a link to the event wrap-up on our website](#), where you can see our photo galleries of the event, including the Maynard Historical Society and Gordon College display of Ken's memorabilia, and a 2-1/2 minute movie trailer of the film.
- Use your **MEMBER SERVICE CENTER!** Use the gold Member Login button if you have paid dues since 2009. 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.
- [Ken Olsen Memorials](#) submitted by our members and readers - we are still adding to this page, send yours!
- [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.
- [Our Featured Entrepreneur](#) - Would you like to be a 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](#).
- Gordon College's Memorial Service for Ken is posted on our [About Ken Olsen](#) page. Download time is 10-60 min. before it plays - files are 75, 260 and 800 MB - so please be patient.
- [Product and Services Page](#) has videos and photos. Please submit suggestions and content, such as presentations or documents that depict product families, to webmaster@deconnection.org.