

October 2013 News-at-a-Glance



Our Sudbury MA get-together was super! Thanks to Marilyn Goodrich for putting it together. Here's her event wrap-up:

On October 19, 2013, from 2-5 PM, 35 DECconnection members and friends gathered at the Sudbury Senior Center in Sudbury, MA for a wonderful afternoon. The DVD entitled *Digital_Man/Digital_World* was shown, after which refreshments and visiting was enjoyed by all. It was wonderful to have so many folks gather and to continually be dedicated to "the Digital culture". Many stories about personal experiences were shared. Digital Equipment Corporation continues to live on through our retirees.

Each attendee was given a glass mug that was part of the Gordon College festivities when the Ken Olsen Science Center was opened. There were many left over from that event and Dan Tymann gave several to me for distribution among our DEC retirees.

You too can enjoy this wonderful Digital movie! Here's how:

- **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>
- **For those who prefer to watch on their computers, the free version is:** <http://video.wfyi.org/video/2282149336/>

EVENTS COMING UP:

- **Digital Arizona Group's annual Luncheon is Sat., November 2, 2013, 12 noon** at Bill Johnson's Big Apple Restaurant, 19th Ave and Bell Road, Phoenix.
 - Contact: GalenDavis@aol.com



- **Carolinas DEC Connection Chapter Reunion Dinner** (for all DECcies) in **Raleigh NC** at **The Prestonwood Country Club** on **Thursday, November 21, 2013.**
 - Cost is \$25.00 per person. Includes a full buffet, gratuity and soft drinks. The buffet has a salad bar, a fruit bar, 3 hot entrees, carving table, vegetables and a full dessert table. Alcohol is extra.
 - Contact Zul Abbany, zabbany@nc.rr.com or call him at 919-612-3416 to sign up for this event, or to be on the mailing list. Helping organize are Phyllis Moss phyllismoss@nc.rr.com and Joe Harris jharris11@nc.rr.com
- **NOVEMBER is BIG in Digital Australia:**
 - in Sydney, Max Burnet (mburnet@bigpond.net.au) hosts the 20th annual Computer Old-timers lunch at noon on Friday 15th November 2013 at The Little Snail Restaurant, 50 Murray Street, Pyrmont, NSW. Register with Max.
 - Mick Duncan (mduncan3@bigpond.net.au) hosts an ex-Deccies lunch in Sydney each Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November) every year at the Oaks Hotel, Neutral Bay, in Sydney. No bookings required - just turn up on the day.
 - Alan Williamson (alan.williamson@senetas.com) hosts an ex-Deccies lunch in Melbourne at times. Contact Alan for info.

Also:



Marilyn with movie poster, above, and the souvenir mug below.



Some DEC Connection members socialized after the movie, below.



- **SW Florida Chapter Meeting postponed** until snowbird season in Naples FL... probably early 2014. All DECcies welcome. Contact Sally Hering, at email: sahering@msn.com [Click here for information.](#)
- **Reunion With Your Peers** - [click here for information](#) about running your own reunion locally with DEC Connection support.

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new members: **Anthony Bento, Judith Burgess, Tim Horgan, Frank Inostroza, and Frans Vandermolen.**

Membership Renewal Procedure:

Best method to renew: 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 for you - no leading or trailing spaces and it should work - email webmaster@deconnection.org for help.

- You can also join us (or renew) at www.deconnection.org/join.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 - please do NOT use any of the Board members' personal email addresses.

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

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes: send yours to:

webmaster@deconnection.org. [See our new NewsByte archive page.](#)

- New Member **Tony Bento** writes: Been working at DEC-COMPAQ-HP for over 41 years. What a long strange trip it's been. -TB amb@technologist.com
- **Barb Finer** is excited to announce that Governor Deval Patrick will attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Hopkinton location of TechSandBox! Join them on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM (EST). 103-105 South St. Hopkinton, MA. Info: www.techsandbox.org or barb@techsandbox.org.

Sad News Department - [details on our Memorials Page](#)

- Our condolences to friends of Laurie Reilly of Colorado Springs, who passed away from ALS on 16 October.

Website Updates:

- [Read about Barb Finer, our featured Member Entrepreneur.](#)
- 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.)
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<http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=13315614> It's a wonderful hour-long nostalgia trip. Enjoy! For those who prefer to watch on their computers, the free version is: <http://video.wfyi.org/video/2282149336/>

- **Links page:** Volunteer activities - if you have an organization you'd like to post, email webmaster@deconnection.org. [New page for SOAR 55](#).
- 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.
- 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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