

## September 2014 News-at-a-Glance



### EVENTS and Announcements

- **Semi-Annual Phoenix AZ Luncheon is November 1!**

- the Fall gathering of the DEC Arizona Alumni is planned for Saturday, November 1st at 12:00 noon.  
Location will be same as April, in Phoenix at Santisi Brothers Pizzeria and Sports Bar, 2710 West Bell Road, Phoenix, AZ. Located West of I-17 on Bell Road in the Bell Canyon Pavilions.  
Web page:<http://www.santisibrothers.com/>
- Questions? email GalenDavis@aol.com



Santisi Brothers, DEC AZ luncheon site

- **Special Offer** from Barb Finer for DEC Connection members to try out **TechSandBox** programs: During the rest of 2014, DEC Connection members or anyone showing an old Digital badge when they register at the door will get \$20 off (which is free for more than half the programs). Go to [www.techsandbox.org/calendar.html](http://www.techsandbox.org/calendar.html) for dates of [programs](#), [SIGs](#), [etc.](#) Lots of Digital alums are already taking advantage of these terrific resources for networking and learning. Be sure to check out "Office Hours with Experts" - currently pro bono! Help celebrate TechSandBox' 1-year anniversary and new 501c3 status! Questions? [barb@techsandbox.org](mailto:barb@techsandbox.org) or 508-485-7263.

TechSandBox™ Inc., 105B South Street Hopkinton, MA 01748

Below: TechSandBox in Hopkinton



- We are greatly saddened to report the passing of Ted Johnson, Digital's #1 sales engineer and Sr. VP of Sales and Services for 25 years, on 31 August. A Celebration of Life will be announced by family in the future.



Ted Johnson

### DEC Connection Member News

#### Welcome to our New and Renewing Members:

Ernie Bauer, Lynne Bourget-Tyrel, Jim Evans, Marcia Gannon, Karin Gremo, and Eileen McDonough.

**Spread the news!** Please forward this e-newsletter to your Digital friends and get them to [sign up for membership](#) and/or [this free newsletter](#).

#### 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](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org) for help.

- You can also **join** us (or renew) at [www.deconnection.org/join.htm](http://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](mailto:registrations@deconnection.org) - please do NOT use any of the Board members' personal email addresses.

**Staying on our email list:** Our newsletter contact manager disables emails if the recipient mail server sends a rejection notice. If in the future you don't receive News-at-a-Glance, or if you change your email address, re-register for our free e-news at <http://www.deconnection.org/mail.htm>

**DEC Connection Member NewsBytes:** send yours to:

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

- Gail Blizard writes: Worked for DEC, CPQ, HP from 1978-2010. Currently retired/partially disabled but enjoying life with my wonderful husband of 39 years. R2g2blizard@gmail.com
- John Reid extract (Full note is posted on the [NewsBytes page](#)):  
Hi all you former DECies, Elaine and I are still enjoying our island life style down here in Saint Augustine, Florida. We built our third home here on the Barrier Island across from the city of Saint Augustine in 1998. We have a great view of the city from our family room. I spend a lot of time (3 to 4 times a month) in South Florida scuba diving on the reefs and wrecks on the Atlantic side of Florida. Both Elaine and I look back on our DEC days with great joy. She was with the COEM and GSG Product groups and then went into a corporate position after the product lines ended. I was with manufacturing then LDP/MDP/Graphic product group. After that I went into TOEM sales for 4 years, came out for a 2-year stint with the Telecommunications Product Group then back into Sales to handle the Teradyne corporate account for 4 years. I spent the remaining 19 years with DEC in Sales in Mass until the layoffs. At that time Elaine and I decided to move to Saint Augustine where my family lived and drop out and enjoy the island life. No regrets at all doing that! So we wish all of you a great retirement and if you got the urge buy a pair of flip flops and come on down! jlremb@att.net

## Sad News Department

The Digital community is greatly saddened by these recent deaths:

- Sarah Martel, 81, Sudbury MA; 6 Sept. 2014
- Ted Johnson, 82, Martha's Vineyard MA; 31 August 2014 - Memorial planned in future, will be announced.
- Ron Josephson, 65, Worcester MA, 29 June 2014

[Details are on our Memorials Page](#)

## Website Updates

- 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 information 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.)
- Thanks to Curt Gowan, HPAA, [for this link to important information](#) on "**Maximizing your Social Security benefits**" from the 5/7/15 HPAA



webinar.

- 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 on their computers, the free version 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.
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