



DECconnection

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

November-December 2018



Once again, here's a holiday Digital turkey to enjoy. Happy holidays!

Events

UPCOMING:

- Phoenix AZ group semi-annual lunch: Sat., April 6, 2019, noon, at Santisi Brothers Pizza. Info: galendavis@aol.com
- Colorado Springs: Thursday evening, April 25, 2019 Info: Theresa at cosdecreunion@yahoo.com
- [See the upcoming performances of the Compaq Big Band in New England](#)

Digital and the Industry

- Jackie Kahle wrote with a member update we are featuring here:

After 43 straight years working in the high-tech industry, I finally decided to retire! I worked at DEC/CPQ/HP from 1975-2003, then worked at a startup, Gartner, and my last 11 years at CA Technologies. So far I have been busy on my town's (Wilton, NH) Economic Development committee, I sing with several choral groups, and I try to exercise daily; I have lived with MS for 26 years, so I try to do as much as I can. I've also been doing some writing, and thought all ex-DECies would be interested in [\[link to\] the article I wrote on Grace Hopper's long association with DEC and my experiences working with her when she was my customer in Washington, D.C.](#) jrtkahle@comcast.net

- [\[Here is a compilation of replies\]](#) to Rick Brimer's question about the code on the Spit Brook Road Engineering facility - on our website. Thanks to Rick Spitz, Keith Parris, Jerry Eckert, and the original post of Steve Lionel for this colorful history.

Announcements

■ DONATING OR RECYCLING COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

It's that time of year when you may be thinking of donating older electronic equipment to a Charity. For those who have already done this, let us hear from you on the organizations you would recommend. For Massachusetts readers, it has come to our attention that there is a local cancer charity that you may want to put on your list. This charity is 100% run by volunteer cancer scientists, survivors, and information technologists. The name of the organization is [Recycle Computers4 Cancer](http://www.recyclecomputers4cancer.org) [www.recyclecomputers4cancer.org]

and it donates all proceeds to help Cancer patients and their families through the SMCAC (Scientific & Medical Coalition Against Cancer). They have securely erased all data on hard drives that are donated for the past 12 years, including major pharmaceutical companies, banks, individuals, law firms, and financial institution. Also, all computer donations are tax deductible with no donation considered too small or large. Equipment can be dropped off or arranged to be picked up. Items accepted for donation are listed at www.recyclecomputers4cancer.org/items-accepted-donations-recycle-computers-4-cancer/ For free pickup, fill out and send in the donation form at www.recyclecomputers4cancer.org/free-pickup-request-form/ The contact for RC4C is Eric Grund at eric@smcac.org.

■ A former friend would like to locate Janice Wilkinson, who worked in Shipping in a Maynard office around 1973, and who had two children at the time, Mark and Kim. Write to info@deconnection.org if you can help.

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during October and November:
Pam Berg (MA), Dick Costa (NM), Ellie Dubie (MA), Ted Grenham (MA), Larry Harris (MA), Ron Minezzi (MA), Dick Nixon (NH), Ed Pont (CT), Mary Raney (PA), Dave Wells (NH), and Dave Velten (MA).



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 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 - do NOT use any Board member's personal email address.

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

■ See Jackie Kahle's personal update and article about her experiences with Admiral Grace Hopper in the Digital news section above.

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:

* Mitch Tunkel, 73, Ft. Lauderdale FL, 26 Nov 2018

* Michael Lee Cope, Sr., 80, Colorado Springs, 18 Nov 2018

* Dick Esten, 86, Kansas City MO, 17 Oct 2018

* Ken Enger, 72, Colorado Springs, 28 Sept 2018

* Jeff Leidigh, 64, Thomasville, GA, 12 Jun 2018

* Jan Griska, 72, Rindge NH, 2 Feb 2017

[Details are on our Memorial Page.](#)

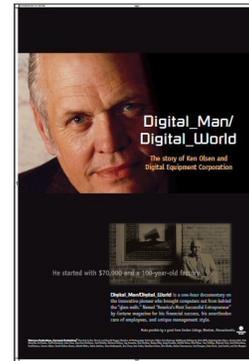
Website Features and Updates

■ [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:

<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: [Link to Ken Olsen/Digital Video](#)

■ **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. [Click on this link.](#)

■ **Featured Member Entrepreneur** - Email 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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