



November-December 2020

It's that time again ... Happy Holidays from The DEC Connection! Be happy, and be safe.



Events

Maynard's 150th Birthday Celebration Update

We have been speaking with the planners of the Maynard Sesquicentennial for which many activities have been delayed thru Sept 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic. The DEC Connection made a generous contribution towards the signage for permanent display in the Ken Olsen Plaza at the corner of Main and Walnut. See photo of current plan, [on our website, here](#); you can see the entire 3rd panel is devoted to Digital.

[Here is a recent article about the panels.](#)

See Digital and the Industry below for update of new book about Maynard.

Upcoming:

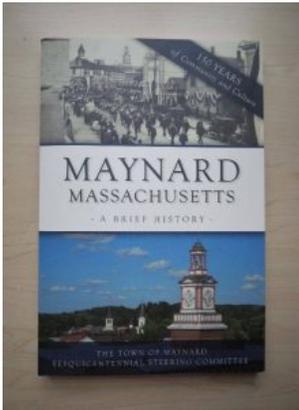
- Phoenix AZ Luncheons, GalenDavis@aol.com - ON HOLD (pending safe social-distancing environment for get-together)
- [See the Compaq Big Band in New England](#)

Digital and the Industry



We are saddened to report the passing of Stanley C. Olsen, 92, Gilford NH and Tierre Verde FL. Our condolences to Stan's wife Betty and their family, and to their many Digital friends. Stan was employee 3 of Digital, after his brother Ken and Harlan Anderson. Stan was an eclectic entrepreneur and visionary, a pioneer in the computer business and, following his 25-year Digital career, a transformative real estate developer in Citrus County, Florida. Stan served on the boards of many companies and several colleges. He received honorary doctorate degrees

from Saint Anselm College and Northeastern University. He didn't retire until 82 years old. Memorial donations can be made to the Community Food Bank of Citrus County, 5259 W. Cardinal Street, Building B, Homosassa, FL 34446, or the New Hampshire Food Bank, 700 East Industrial Park Drive, Manchester, NH 03109. [Link to full obituary.](#)



Maynard, MA, has a brand new history book that includes a chapter about DEC. Title is: MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS: A BRIEF HISTORY All profits go toward funding the celebrations of Maynard's 150th anniversary (1871-2021).

The 50,000 words of text and 90 images provide a frame of reference for the people of Maynard to understand where we are now and how we got here. Think of it as a perfect holiday gift. Cost is \$22 (cash, check, Venmo). Checks should be made to "Town of Maynard" and on the memo line write "150th book." Via Venmo: send \$22 to @Maynard150 and include your name and "Maynard 150th book" in the note. No credit cards yet. Questions? Email Lindsayahm@gmail.com.

Lost and Found

- Fred Balfour (Fred.Balfour@gmail.com, 617-852-6645) would like to contact 2 former DECcies, both working in corporate MIS during ~1971-1973:
- Richard Malloy (age ~70)
- Karl Wolfe (age ~80)

We received the following inquiry:

* My husband is the son of one of the first five employees of DEC, out of Maynard MA. I would say range would be 1957 to his early bought retirement offered by Digital around 1992. The employee was John (Jack) Harold Anderson. He passed away in the early 1990s. Would there be any old photos or information on Jack Anderson, one of the first employees? My husband, Scott Anderson, would love to have a copy of any sort of photos, etc., you could dig up. Scott was his only son.

Barb Thatcher Anderson & Scott C. Anderson - bta32595@gmail.com
3 Willow Street, Allenstown, NH 03275

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during October and November: Ruth Armknecht (GA), Martha Arnum (NC), Jackie Awerman (FL), Su Bennett (NH), Kerry Bensman (MO), Barry Burns (FL), Rob Dandrade (MA), Ian Ferguson (Quebec, Canada), Doug Garber (MA), Wayne Gaskill (FL), Jacky Hovey (MA), Sue Hunt (MA), Ken Jones (MA), Mitch Livingston (Ontario, Canada), Mike Musi (MA), Bob Newman (MA), Joe Oleksak (MA), Patrick Parker-Roach (MA), Tom Pulsifer (LA), John Stubbe (OH), Dave Toub (NH), Pam Verrill (NH), Sarah Walkowiak (MA), Bill Wolf (NY), and Alan Zimmerle (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 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 your personal news updates to info@decconnection.org. We need your participation to provide an interesting and relevant newsletter for our readers.

▪ **Ian Ferguson** writes: Just joined DEC Connection. Love that you're periodically reminding us of the best years of our lives working for one of the best companies that ever existed. Later I ran 4 companies with all the lessons I learned from DEC. Reading your newsletters over the years it's clear many of us share the same feelings about the amazing culture we all participated in. We all learned many of the same important skills and attitudes.

imferguson@sympatico.ca

▪ **Jackie Awerman** writes: Has it really been forty-six years since Bill Hanson (Of Blessed Memory) hired me? Yup! I still knit whenever I can and there's chicken soup (with matzoh balls, of course) in the freezer! Thinking about taking my Twiddle Muffs for Alzheimer's Disease Victims national. Interested in helping? Holler! Jackie yarndances@yahoo.com

▪ **Rob Dandrade** writes: I have thoroughly enjoyed retirement since 2012. My wife and I have been involved with our children and grandchildren. I have been active in our community, church and non-profit, Blackstone Heritage Corridor. I enjoy fresh-water fishing, hiking and photography.

robert.dandrade17@gmail.com

▪ **Carole Frazier** writes: I worked at four Digital facilities AND LOVED EVERY ONE. People who worked at Digital stayed until they had to leave because of age or illness. We all loved Ken Olsen and Digital. I loved Digital and everything about it. My boss was Renate Baptiste, an outstanding boss. Ken Olsen used to visit each facility and talk to his employees in cafeterias, just to find out how and what we all thought. There will never be a company/exec better than Digital or Ken Olsen. carolejfrazier13@gmail.com

▪ New member **Sarah Walkowiak** would like to invite local ex-DECcies to join or visit their Toastmasters Club in the Maynard Mill: The Mill & Main Toastmasters Club helps members develop better speaking and presentation skills, enhance leadership abilities, and practice presentations relevant to your profession and needs. Toastmasters is a community club open to all. Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m ET., our "home" is the former DEC Mill building in Maynard, but for now virtually by Zoom. Our membership is currently comprised of employees of current Mill companies, local area residents and retirees. We are a friendly welcoming group. Toastmasters is a great way to learn about a variety of different topics and stay connected with others while practicing practical skills. Please email Karen Jo at kjgshapiro@gmail.com for Zoom link and/or info. Come visit us!

HP Employee Discounts

Thanks again to Curt Gowan of HP Alumni Assn. for this advice:

Retiree Purchase Plan - Go to:

<http://www8.hp.com/us/en/jobs/retiree/epp.html>

and click on the link under “US Alumni Product Purchase Program”. Then follow the instructions to register for the program.

HP Alumni also suggests reading feedback:

There are lots of moving parts involved in HP product discounts (and discounts on non-HP products). Suggest you refer your members to the HP Alumni Association pages on discounts: <https://www.hpalumni.org/discounts>

NOTE TO OUR READERS: Please do not be concerned if, when clicking on a link in this email, your browser or antivirus program tells you that you are attempting to visit a dangerous or unsafe web address. Many browsers now flag any site without an SSL certificate (i.e., encryption) as unsafe (it's not). When you purchase tickets through our website, we transfer you to the PayPal website, which DOES use SSL encryption software.

Sad News Department

Sadly, we were informed of these deaths of former Digital employees since last newsletter. Our condolences go out to friends and families of:

- * Rich Sanchez, Colorado Springs, 25 Nov 2020
- * David Gibson, 64, Colorado Springs, 25 Nov 2020
- * Dick Timberlake, 74, Colorado Springs, 8 Nov 2020
- * Jim Gaines, 78, Colorado Springs, 5 Nov 2020
- * Ross Kelly, 74, Statesboro GA, 20 Oct 2020
- * Deborah McIntosh, 68, Colorado Springs, 14 Oct 2020
- * Dewitt (Dick) Clinton, 78, Wells ME and Sudbury MA, 12 Oct 2020
- * John Adams, 79, Andover and Lincoln MA, 7 Oct 2020
- * Dennis Laurence, 75, Colorado Springs, 6 Oct 2020
- * Ken Fahle, 78, of Ayer MA, 3 Oct 2020
- * Stanley C. Olsen, 92, Gilford NH, 30 Sep 2020
- * Nora Peaslee Fleming McGuinness, 63, Providence/Hudson, 9 Jul 2020

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

Website Features and Updates

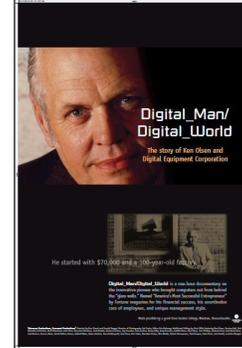
- **Topics of Interest** tab: We've added a button on the left-hand menu that takes you to articles that have appeared in past newsletters. Here are some sample topics: Medicare Seminar & Research - 6/20; AON Exchange Feedback from retirees - 10/18; Harvard Business School's Baker Library (Ken Olsen Collection); and, David Mark's series of 11 articles on Digital - 11/19-3/20
- [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 at

[Digital Man/Digital World](#)

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

- Another URL to watch same documentary on your computer is: <http://video.wfyi.org/video/2282149336/>



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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. [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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