



DECconnection

A professional association representing organization for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

November-December 2021

Events



Time for our Digital turkeys! HAPPY HOLIDAYS and a safe and healthy New Year to our members and friends!

Our MAJOR EVENT for 2021 - MAYNARD 150 BIRTHDAY Mill Tour, Parade and Dinner

We're still adding remembrances from our big 19 Sept. event. Special thanks to Tom Vallas for taking videos of the Mill Tour and Parade. When I figure out how to play and load them, they will appear on the event page :). (Click this link for details: [MAYNARD 150 EVENT PAGE](#))

Digital and the Industry

▪ DEC Connection member **Fred Balfour** is interested in compiling a history of Digital's diversity efforts on behalf of minorities and women. Please email him any history of milestone accomplishments, programs, benefits, or awards/recognitions that took place in DEC at any time, with dates. "Software Services had an active Affirmative Action program in the mid-70s when I was first line manager. I know how the program worked but have no ideas of who started it, etc." We will share his compilation when completed.
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Digital Retiree Benefits Updates

- The transition from the HP Pension Plan to Prudential appears to be rocky. Ian Ferguson from Canada reports that he had to jump through numerous hoops to save his out-of-the-USA-pension. We will share feedback we receive (send it to us at info@deconnection.org) and try to get to Prudential to fix issues. At the very least, perhaps our stories can help each other. [Here is the feedback page.](#)
- It is the yearly time to select retiree health insurance options (by Decembr 7.) If you decide to go through Aon, then your choice will be either an advantage plan or supplement plan. You might want to look at the Medicare notes from our last seminar posted under Special Topics in the left column menu of the front page of our website. You are essentially now in the retail world choosing a healthcare program.

We will also save and share AON stories and try to send feedback (anonymous) to AON and HP. Two of our own board members have had very different experiences. Again, send yours to info@deconnection.org. [Here is the feedback page.](#)

- Nancy Kilty heard from a Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare representative that the 2020 merger of Harvard Pilgrim and Tufts Healthcare will result in one set of healthcare plans in 2023. This, she assumes, will affect both the 2023 Corporate Medicare plans as well as the Medicare plans through the AON exchange.

Lost & Found

Angela Woo writes that "I worked at DEC in Schaumburg IL back in the late seventies. My boss was Joe Head. I believe he was in Maynard for a while before Schaumburg. Would you know where I can contact him? Thank you. acwuzhu@gmail.com

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during October and November: Jim Best (WY), Gail Blizard (MA), Steve Cullen (MA), Lou DiFinizio (MA), Joe DiNucci (CA), Marce Enright (MA), Judy Finman (MA), Nancy Brine Fredrickson (FL), Marshall Goldberg (WA), Harriet Hodge-Henry (MA), Tom Kopec (FL), Ed Manning (MA), Carol Irvin Mitchell (NC), Nick Pappas (MA), Anant Patel (NY), Pekka Roine (Finland), Larry Rostetter (NC), Barbara Shoemaker (MA), Don Skipworth (TN), John Sopka (MA), Geraldine Wetzell (VT), and Mel and Nancy Woolsey (GA).



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.
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Member Newsbytes: Please send your personal news updates to info@deconnection.org. We need your participation to provide an interesting and relevant newsletter for our readers. Thank you!

- **Larry Mello** shared his story of getting lost in the Mill... Larry, you might want to check out the pix and videos from our 19 Sept Tour so you won't get lost next time! [Click this link for what happened.](<http://stories.htm>) lc_mello1@att.net
- **Geoffrey Darnton** from the U.K. reports that he has published another book, Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. [Check out his profile on our Member Publications page](#). Congratulations, Geoffrey! gdarnton@darnton.info
- Our 86-year old member **Marce Enright** invites everyone to visit her website on NE Jazz that she maintains herself: www.nejazz.com

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:

- * Clarence Shanks, 88, Colorado Springs, 21 November 2021
- * Norman Croisetiere, 77, Glendale AZ, 13 November 2021
- * Hugh Nethercot, 86, Canon City CO, 13 November 2021

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

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.

Website Features and Updates

We've just added a [Marketing Videos](#) page. Thanks to Dave Price and Nancy Kilty for providing the videos from DECworld, DECville and 40th Anniversary.

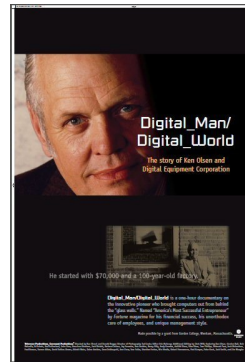
- **Topics of Interest** tab: We've added a button on the left-hand menu that takes you to articles that have appeared in past newsletters. Here are some sample topics: Medicare Seminar & Research - 6/20; AON Exchange Feedback from retirees - 10/18; Harvard Business School's Baker Library (Ken Olsen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