



September-October 2020

Events

We are pleased to announce:

Webinar: Medicare 2021 Update

This webinar will address the Medicare changes for 2021 as well as the Massachusetts Medigap, Medicare Advantage and Drug [Part D] Plans for next year. Q&A will follow the presentation. The presentation will not repeat the basic information presented in our June 23, 2020 Medicare Webinar which can be reviewed at <http://www.deconnection.org/medicareqa.htm>.

Our expert speaker is Jerry Shusterman, a former Digital employee who, as a Massachusetts *SHINE Certified Medicare Counselor, has counseled thousands of individuals on Medicare options and services for over 10 years. For biography, go to the original announcement at above link.

*SHINE = Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone (eligible for Medicare)

WHAT: Webinar: Medicare 2021 Update

WHEN: Wednesday, Oct 28, 2020 11:00 AM

PROCESS: Zoom link sent to email of registered attendees on Friday, October 23, 2020

Participants will receive handouts before the webinar and be able to send in questions at the time of registration as well as during the webinar. Post-webinar communications with the speaker will be made available.

Registration: To register, send your name, email address, phone number to info@deconnection.org by Friday, Oct 23, 2020.

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.](#)

Upcoming:

- October 28, 11 am - Medicare Zoom Seminar for 2021
- 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



Lost and Found

* DEC Connection member Bob Carmichael would like to be reconnected with **Bob Hess**. Bob C. hired Bob Hess (probably now in his mid-80s) from IBM in the early 70's in So. Calif, and later Bob H. was with DEC somewhere in the East. Please send any leads to Bob C. at

carmichaeb@aol.com.

* Kim Fasco Fox writes: I worked for DEC back in the 1980s. When I joined my office in Memphis, TN, a gentleman by the name of John DeFilipo (or DeFilippo) was on loan from his Massachusetts office. I would appreciate any contact info for John; please send any leads to Kim at 512-917-3699 or kfox2429@gmail.com.

VT180 Available : Bonnie Weisbrod of Cherry Hill NJ contacted us to offer to give away a vintage 1982 VT180 system with full documentation. Several photos available, one above. Check availability with Bonnie at 609-923-6489 or bonniew410@gmail.com.

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during August and September: Tony Bento (MA), Rick Brimer (TX), Phil Dube (MA), Susan Ennis (MA), Byron Garvey (TX), Stewart Jackson (NH), Ed Lengyel (SC), Cynthia McNeil (MA), Aline Migrants (MA), Charlie Moeder (MA), Bob Nusbaum (ME/FL), Dave Price (MA), Mike Raczkowski (AZ), Jack Rahaim (TN), John Rodenhausen (CA), Harold Rude (MA), Linda Silver (FL), Aldo Simonetti (Italy), Bob Stannard, Sr. (AZ), Jesslyn Sullivan (MA), and Bob Zepf (FL).



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@deconnection.org. We need your participation to provide an interesting and relevant newsletter for our readers.



▪ Greetings! My name is **Jack Rahaim** and I worked at DEC from '78 to '93. I started working in Systems and Administration in Corporate Personnel and then spent a number of years working in, and eventually managing after the passing of Dennis O'Connor, the AI Technology Group. I left in '93 to start Jack Rahaim Consulting and I have been teaching a master's level course in Leadership and Strategy at NYU (now online). There isn't a week that goes by when I don't think of and use something I learned at Digital. Remarkable people and culture. Recently, after I wasn't able to find any items with the Digital logo, I secured the rights to use the Digital logo and started www.decs wag.com where you can purchase mugs, hats, shirts, jackets, etc. with the logo and 15% of the profits go to the Alzheimer's Association. I'm delighted to be part of this group and look forward to connecting with old and new colleagues. Jack Rahaim, Nashville, TN jack@decs wag.com

- **Member Cynthia (Nadreau) Whitty** writes: I enjoy receiving The DEC Connection newsletter and seeing if anyone I know is included! I worked in the Media Communications Group, Bedford, MA, as a manager of electronic publishing for 9 years. Had the best group ever! After that, joined a DEC technical writing group in Spitbrook for several years. That was a wonderful experience, too, working with so many smart, caring people. Currently, I am freelancing as a writer for a local newspaper and do the marketing for a business association. Contact me at cynwhitty@gmail.com if you have marketing needs or to just say hello.
- **Tom Pulsifer** writes from New Orleans that he is totally retired from his real estate business and thinking of getting into the work from home career! myteamnola@gmail.com

HP Employee Discounts

We've had inquiries on how to get these. Our DEC Connection members are supposed to be authorized for retiree employee discounts. First check on the market prices for the model you want. Then, try going to <https://www8.hp.com/us/en/contact-hp/shopping.html> and call an HP rep or go to an online service. Ask for the retiree employee discount. And, if all else fails, HP is giving up to a 35% discount on select items to AAA members.

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. It's a recent policy of browser companies to flag any site without an SSL certificate as unsafe. When you purchase tickets through our website, we transfer you to the PayPal website, which DOES use SSL security 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:

- * Tom Specht, 64, Woodland Park CO, 7 Sep 2020
- * Bill Picott, 81, Sarasota FL and Harwich Port MA, 3 Sep 2020
- * Norm Smith, 82, Colorado Springs, 28 Aug 2020
- * Glenn Rosander, 77, Lancaster MA, 23 Apr 2020
- * Michael Ohrmundt, 61, Colorado Springs, 5 Mar 2020
- * John F. Procopio, Woburn MA and Naples FL, 17 Jan 2020
- * Jarvis ("J") Bailey, Methuen MA, 5 Mar 2019

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

Website Features and Updates

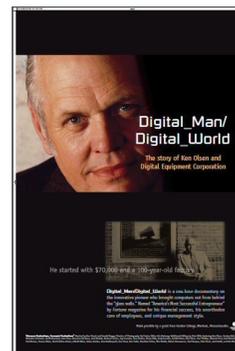
- **Topics of Interest** tab: We've added a button on the left-hand menu that takes you to articles that have appeared in past newsletters. Here are some sample topics: Medicare Seminar & Research - 6/20; AON Exchange Feedback from retirees - 10/18; Harvard Business School's Baker Library (Ken Olsen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