



DECconnection

A professional association for retiring organization of former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

September-October 2022

Events

- Attend a reunion in Pittsburgh PA this weekend! Contact Mary Cozma. They will be partying on Saturday afternoon, October 1st. Write to Mary at PTODigitalEquipment@gmail.com.
- The Colorado Springs group is readying its last annual reunion! CXO Colorado Springs 18th and FINAL Annual Reunion - Friday, October 21 from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. at the Dublin House, 1850 Dominion Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80918, (719) 265-8820. Contact Laurie Marzulla, Imarzulla@comcast.net.

Digital Tech Talks via Zoom

Our #3 Talk, High-Tech Darwinism, was delivered by Bob Nusbaum, a product manager who worked at Digital from 1974-1992. Watch the video [recording on our website](#) - Bob did a great job and his talk was extremely well-received.



SAVE THE DATE! for Tech Talk #4

Wednesday, October 19 at 3 pm Eastern/12 noon Pacific time. Note change of start time.

Our #4 Tech Talk will be given by DEC Connection member Nick Pappas, who contributed at Digital both in Engineering and Services. Nick describes his talk:

I started work at Digital in June 1967 and left in 1994. My talk will cover the period from 1967 to 1975. For most of that time I worked in the Programming Department where I managed language development projects for the PDP-10 and PDP-11. I also implemented the unbundling and licensing of software late in that period. And finally, I worked for Tom Stockebrand as a product manager for a video terminal. My talk on October 19 will be about the projects, the people, and the DEC environment that I experienced in those days.

And, no, that's not an old maroon Digital logo shirt - it's from Nick's subsequent career, founder and manager of Lizzy's Ice Cream for 20 years.

To sign up to deliver a DEC Tech Talk, please email info@deconnection.org with your name and a bit about your Digital background and what you'd like to present.

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during August and September: Anton Chernoff (MA), Tom Coleman (FL), Bob Ferrari (MA), Bill Harris (ON Canada), Frank Lombardi (NH), Joe Micali (GA), Alice Phalen (MA), Terry Ann Sarandrea (MA), and Chuck Steinhauser (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.

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

▪ **Frank Lombardi** writes that he is still working, now as an IT project manager at Ferrotec in Bedford NH. Franknh2@hotmail.com

▪ **Gerald McKenna** writes that, at age 83, he is still pursuing his work on behalf of alcohol-drug addiction prevention and intervention. His work involves intervention and education of adults, teens, and children to reduce the incidence or severity of this disease. Gerry lives in South Dennis MA on the Cape and is active presenting educational programs there. In his 15-year Digital career, from 1977 to 1992, he had several positions in Manufacturing Engineering at Maynard, Acton, Chelmsford, Andover, Purchasing in Franklin, and EAP in Roxbury. Gerry founded a Recovery Meeting for fellow Digital employees at a local Catholic school adjacent to the parking lot at the Mill. He had several interactions with Ken Olsen as part of his ongoing unofficial EAP work and feels that he owes much of his positive personal development to their relationship. He's still grateful for having had that opportunity. geraldvmckenna@msn.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:

Ron Holton, Colorado Springs, 20 September 2022

Ruth Armknecht, 89, Atlanta GA, 5 September 2022

Ann S. Hurd, 73, Rockport MA, 3 August 2022

Thomas Eaton, 72, Gloucester MA, 1 December 2021

[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: Tech Talks; Digital Videos; 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

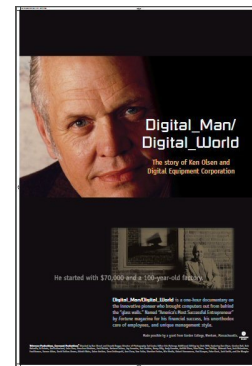
- [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)

- 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/>



- [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.](#)

- 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.

- You can contact the Prudential Pension Dept. at 1-877-778-2100 if your pension has been transferred there.

- For **Stock plan** info, try Morgan Stanley: 1-210-677-3652 or [this website](#)

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