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September-October 2024 News-at-a-Glance

Events - DEC Connection Zooms - Upcoming Tech Talk



On Tuesday, October 8 at 9 am PST, noon EST, and 5 pm GMT, we'll enjoy our next DEC Connection Zoom event - a Tech Talk with Jeff Bergart (at left, in his DEC years).

Jeff's Finance career at DEC was marked by success, innovation and FUN! With his uniquely multi-disciplinary background, Jeff loved to contribute to his organizations in unexpected ways.

Part 1 by Jeff will be about his memories of Manufacturing Process Engineering (1976-1980), under Bill Hanson and Pete Kaufman, located in the Mill and Piper Rd. Acton. Later, next spring, he will share Part 2 about his FUN years in Computer Special Systems (1985-1993).

Sign up now for Jeff's October 8 presentation by writing to info@deconnection.org; provide your full name and email address you want the Zoom link to go to. Remember, these nostalgic zooms are limited to our paid-up members of DEC Connection. If your membership has expired or you haven't ever joined up, [please do so now at this link](#).
(One year of membership is only \$10 and is OH-SO-SATISFYING.)

To sign up to deliver your own DEC Connection Zoom, either Tech Talk or Corporate, please email info@deconnection.org with your name and a bit about your Digital background and what you'd like to present, and we'll be in touch. International speakers welcome!

DEC Connection Member News

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR "OFFICIAL" DIGITAL
RETIREES**

Important changes coming to your Medicare coverage



options

For 2025, retirees can continue to choose an HP-sponsored Medicare option, but in many cases monthly premiums will be significantly higher. We encourage you to learn more about Alight Retiree Health Solutions now.

IMPORTANT: Starting January 1, 2026, all Medicare-eligible retirees and spouses will have coverage available exclusively through Alight Retiree Health Solutions.

Dear HP retiree,
Enclosed you'll find your Retiree Benefits Enrollment Guide with important information to help you choose your medical coverage for 2025. You'll find options to participate in HP-sponsored coverage or to choose individual coverage through Alight Retiree Health Solutions, before coverage for Medicare-eligible retirees and spouses becomes available exclusively through Alight Retiree Health Solutions starting January 1, 2026.

Tufts Medicare Preferred Supplement PDP option no longer available starting 1/1/2025

As you consider your 2025 coverage options, keep in mind that the Tufts Medicare Preferred Supplement PDP medical option you currently participate in will no longer be available starting January 1, 2025. You must make a new election for medical coverage in 2025. If you do not choose a new plan, you will not have medical coverage for 2025.

The vast majority of current Tufts participants will also have access to a Tufts Medicare Advantage plan with prescription drug coverage (MAPD) through Alight Retiree Health Solutions and HP-sponsored options such as the Tufts HMO or a UnitedHealthcare plan. For personalized recommendations, accept the invitation you'll receive soon from Alight to talk with a licensed Benefits Advisor.

Join us for a special webinar for Tufts Medicare Preferred Supplement PDP option participants:

Date: October 24

Time: 10 a.m. -11 a.m. ET

Join by phone:1-650-479-3208

Access code: 2502 555 5169

Join online:

Visit webex.com and select "Join a meeting" Meeting number: 2502 555 5169

Webinar password: Retiree1! (73847331 when dialing from a phone)

Membership Updates

Welcome to our new and renewing members during August and September:

Betsy Anderson (CO), Sue Godsell Baust (MA), Rick Brimer (TX), Luiz A. Camargo (PR), Lou DiFinizio (MA), Stewart Jackson (NH), Alex Kormushoff (MA), Ed Lengyel (SC), Peter Marcus (CT), Bill Murray (ME), Gen Narui (Japan), Patrick Parker-Roach (MA), George Stobie (MD), Irene Y. Wong (SC), Sue Yarger (NH) 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.

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

Let's hear from our members about what's going on! Send a short update to info@deconnection.org.

Sad News Department

A note from the editor: Our Memorial page on the website has, unfortunately, gotten pretty unwieldy. So that it is easier to use for us all, we have added an alphabetical index of the deaths (name and date) reported to us by employees. It is a pdf file linked on top. The memorials are still listed in chronological order by most recent, but now you can look someone up and quickly scroll down to the right location on the page. It's still 1 page; separating this into multiple pages will be the next step.

Our sincere condolences to friends and family of:

- * Edward T. Barron, 84, Harvard MA, September 21, 2024
- * Bill Rebinskas, 81, Glendale AZ, September 15, 2024
- * Kathy Cara, 69, Colorado Springs, September 5, 2024
- * Jim Hughes, Jr., 68, Holden MA, August 26, 2024
- * Mike Adams, 65, Greenwich CT, August 18, 2024
- * Lisa Tousek Boyette, 72, Maple Shade, NJ, August 11, 2024
- * Donald Zereski Sr., 81, Northborough MA, July 14, 2024
- * Bruce D. Kenyon, Sr., 88, Southwick MA, July 2, 2024

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

Website Features and Updates

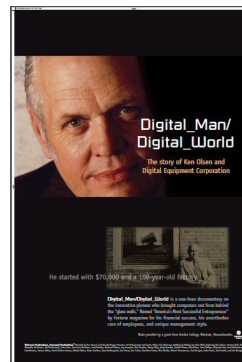
- Our **WEBSITE** uses a convenient drop-down menu. Send your suggestions to info@decconnection.org, and any content to ava@decconnection.org.
- **Use your MEMBER SERVICE CENTER!** Use the Member Login menu under About Us if you have paid dues since 2010. There are queries to find members in your area, and forms to submit to update your profile, send your news, DEC stories, etc. You can check your dues status and renew your membership online. You can email a small photo for your profile, and contribute articles to Our DEC Stories, Member Publicity, or Members In Print.

- 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/>



HELP WITH RETIREE BENEFITS

- 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.
- Contact Empower (company that acquired Prudential's pension business in April 2024) Customer Service at 1 (855) 756-4738 if your pension has been transferred there.
- However, although Empower manages your account, the actual distribution is still being handled by Prudential's Tax service. If you need to change the bank account number for your distribution, you should call 1-800-392-4643 at Prudential Tax Service, LLC, 30 Scranton Office Park, Scranton, PA 18507-1796. Phone #: 1-800-392-4643
- For **Stock plan** info, try Morgan Stanley: 1-210-677-3652 or [this website](#)
- [Go to the HPAA website DEC page!](#) Don't miss all this useful information.

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