



# DECconnection

A professional networking organization for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

## March-April 2018

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### Events

## SAVE-THE-DATES:

\* Semi-annual Phoenix AZ Luncheon is Sat., April 7, 2018 at Santisi Brothers

\* 16th annual DEC CXO reunion will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018.



■ The date of our next Maynard Mill get-together has been changed (from Friday May 18) to Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 2 to 5 PM at the [Battle Road Brew House](#) behind the pond on Sudbury St. We apologize for any inconvenience but hope you'll be able to join us on Sunday afternoon.

We are arranging for Mini-Reunions: organize a group of at least 8 and reserve one or more tables by emailing us at [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org) with your name(s) and organization.

DEC Connection will provide some yummy appetizers (beef and brisket sliders, nacho bar, wings platter, smoked veggie crudites), and a DEC Connection logo umbrella as a gift to our paid-up members. All drinks and additional food are the \$ responsibility of the individual.

To help cover our minimum financial obligation to the Pub, we are selling advance tickets only for this event. \$5 for paid-up members, \$6 for non-members or guests. **Please purchase your ticket by Wed., April 25th** so we can get an accurate count of attendees ahead of the event for ordering gifts. We do have a firm limit on the number we can accommodate in our private area so sign up ASAP so you don't get closed out. If we don't fill up by April 25 we can take additional registrations until May 11th. No walk-ins or paying at the door.

[HERE IS THE LINK to buy your ticket.](#)

[HERE IS A LINK to JOIN DEC Connection](#) if you aren't a paid-up member.

Of course, those who wish can stay for dinner to enjoy an extended reunion with Digital friends. Hope to see you at the Battle Road Brew House (GPS: 20 Sudbury Street, Maynard) on Sunday 20 May!

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## Digital and the Industry

## **Metlife Auto/Home Dividends - Program under Scrutiny**

According to research performed by Steve Blume, a former Digital employee, Metlife may have missed paying Auto/Home dividends in the past 10 years to some policy holders. DEC Connection raised this issue and received a few member responses in past issues. This is recapped below by Steve and followed by news of a State investigation and a call to action.

"If you insure your home or cars with MetLife Auto & Home (Metropolitan Ins Co.) AND your are a current or retired employee of Digital Equipment or Hewlett Packard, you may qualify for an annual dividend program.

This program pays an annual dividend (a percentage of paid premiums) based on positive claim history for a given year. Some years like 2015, there were no dividends because of negative claim history. This program has been in place for many years, but the exact origin and dates are unknown at this time.

Feedback from an article in DEC Connection on this topic came from those who:

1. Currently are receiving annual dividends for their car and/or home insurance with MetLife.
2. Used to receive dividends, but have not for some number of years for unknown reasons.
3. Did not know the program existed, or thought it ended long ago.

In the past few months, Steve Blume has been working with the Attorney General's Office for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This office is in contact with the Metlife's legal team and has obtained the Metlife [Metpay] contract for DEC/HP from 2006. The Attorney General's Office has agreed to work this issue on behalf of DEC/HP retirees.

### **CALL TO ACTION**

If you are or have been a DEC retiree/employee and have been a Metlife/Metpay policyholders for Auto and/or Home Insurance since 2006 or later and have missed dividend payments in the last 10 years [except for policy year 2015] and would like to have your name added to the complaint that will be filed by Steve, send to [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org) your name, address and email and phone number.

If anyone has kept detailed records of the Auto and/or Home Insurance dividends received, please send a summary of dates and amounts received for Auto and/or Home to [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org). Dates not received should be noted as well.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

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## DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during February and March:

Tom Austin (MA), Maria Plaza Bonsavage (GA), Rick Brimer (TX), Dave Chen (NH), Jerry Coffey (MA), Tom Colatosti (MA), Dave Denniston (CA), Eileen DerGurahian (MA), Bruce Dillingham (TN), Tim Gleason (CT), Fred Gould (NH), Karin Gremo (MA), Karen Hamilton (MA), Scott Evans Harker (NH), Ron Hatfield (FL), Barrie Hunter (MA), James S. Montague, Sr. (MA), Jack Moore (MA), Helen Nayar (MA), Barry Rosen (MA), Margaret Nouriel Stashluk (NH), Steve Wells (NH), Bob Welzel (NJ), and Geraldine Wetzell (VT).



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](mailto: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](mailto:registrations@deconnection.org) - do NOT use any Board member's personal email address.

**Member Newsbytes:** please send yours to [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org) - 2-3 lines telling members about your activities since Digital.

■ **Rick Brimer** is celebrating his third year as President of the Bull Creek Foundation, after retiring from Dell as a Sales Manager. Rick left Digital in 1995 after 13 years in Software Services, the last five as Manager of Software Services in Austin, Texas. [rickb921@aol.com](mailto:rickerb921@aol.com)

■ **Steve Wells** has worked with AIPMM\* since 2009 to develop the AIPMM Phase Review Process (PRP), a direct descendent of the DIGITAL PRP. He encourages former DIGITAL product managers familiar with the DIGITAL PRP to help promote the benefits of using the AIPMM PRP in developing and improving product outcomes. Users of the DIGITAL PRP will be best able to extol its virtues and avoid its pitfalls. Please check out his LinkedIn profile here:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/stevewellsnh/> and contact [Steve.WellsNH@gmail.com](mailto:Steve.WellsNH@gmail.com) to help promote this lasting DIGITAL legacy thru consulting opportunities. He needs additional resources to get the word out.

■ AIPMM stands for the Association of International Product Marketing and Management. AIPMM is to Product Management what PMI is to Project Management.

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### **Sad News Department**

We unfortunately have several deaths of former Digital employees to report. Our condolences to friends and families of:

Donald J. Alusic, 75, Amherst NH, 2 Oct 2017

Bruce D. Bolduc, 70, Leominster MA, 27 Jan 2018

Allen Clark, 77, Colorado Springs/Melbourne FL, 10 Mar 2018

Norman H. Douglas, 78, Chelmsford MA, 13 Jan 2018

Jeffrey L. Doyle, 55, Holden MA, 12 Feb 2017

Joseph M. Meany, Jr., 78, Marlborough MA, 10 Feb 2018

Warren Sander, 59, Marlboro MA/Collierville TN, 13 Jan 2018

Gilles P. Tardif, 83, Sarasota FL, 20 Feb 2018

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

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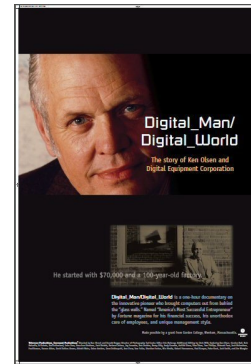
### **Website Features and Updates**

■ [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 (\$25+s/h) from the PBS store:

<http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=13315614>

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



**For those who prefer to watch the free version on their computers**, the URL is: [Link to Ken Olsen/Digital Video](#)

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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](mailto:info@deconnection.org). [Click on this link.](#)

■ **Featured Member Entrepreneur** - Email [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org) with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.

**Hewlett-Packard Alumni Association info (membership not required)** Thanks to Curt Gowan for sharing all of this valuable advice. See the HP Connections thread in Linked In for advice from alumni to current employees and those being laid off.

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