April 2010 DEC Connection News-at-a-Glance

Events for 2010

SAVE THE DATE! Plans are underway for our premier social event for the year, a cookout and tour of the Mill in Maynard. September 11, 2010 - Saturday, late afternoon/early evening timeframe.

Did you know? PBS is making a documentary about Ken Olsen & Digital. We have been asked by the new producer to help out in the following way (deadline 12 MAY):

Ken Olsen and Digital Equipment Corporation are the subjects of a documentary for PBS TV stations. The film is being directed by Ben Strout and Donald Boggs and is currently in editing. Donald Boggs is looking for 600 dpi scans of DEC badges as well as early (1957-1970) photographs of Ken Olsen, the mill, and DEC employees. Please email Boggs at gm@covenantproductions.com. Images should be sent by May 12th if possible.

(These badge scans will provide the basis for an effect that will essentially 'build' a Digital logo out of the badges.)

The Westminster MA Manufacturing Plant Group (WMO) is holding its 40th Anniversary Reunion on Saturday, June 19, 2010, 3-10PM at Wachusett Mountain Ski Area. Details and registration forms are on links on our home page or contact Brian Bourgeois at 508-338-3561 or bpbourgeois@comcast.net

LAST CHANCE! Buy your tickets now for the Lowell Spinners baseball game with a Gator Pit barbeque dinner before the game for Saturday July 17th, 3:30 PM BBQ, 5 PM baseball game. Parking is easy and there are no traffic hassles getting to this entertaining game and great stadium.

You can buy tickets online now on our website - deadline EXTENDED UNTIL 15 MAY to get a ticket with our DECconnection block. The May deadline is because these tickets sell out before the season. So, May 15th is a Hard Deadline! Price of \$27 per person includes all-youcan-eat BBQ dinner and the game (not beer, but that is available at the stadium).







Member-Helping-Member Job-Finding and Business-Generating Concalls avail in April-May-June!

Our second series of concalls to help our members... With a difficult economy and layoffs still occurring, many members are back in the job market, and some are looking for ways to re-enter it. Thanks to our panel of speakers for their advice and sharing their expertise.

April 29, 2010 Speaker: Sharon A. Wulf

- Topic: Seven Tips for Powerful Networking
- Time: 6-7 PM, East Coast time
- Update: we have a few slots left I can take registrations up til noon on Thursday - 1st come, 1st served til all lines are taken - members only

May 27, 2010 Speaker: Bill Costello, Master Sergeant USAF ANG 171

- Topic: Helping Small Businesses Sell to the Federal Government
- Time: 6-7 PM, East Coast time

June 17, 2010 Speaker: Sara Alvarado

- Topic: Where are the Positions?
- Time: 6-7 PM, East Coast time

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE CONCALLS:

- You must be a paid-up member to participate in the concall - dues are only \$10/year or \$25 for 3 years - join online at <u>http://www.decconnection.org/join.htm</u>
- Send an email with your name, preferred e-mail address, and telephone number to webmaster@decconnection.org to register, with Subject:

CONCALL REGISTRATION. In body of email, write the Month-SpeakerNames of the concalls you want to dial into, and any questions you want addressed during or following the session. For example, if you want to sign up for the April and June calls, please write April-Sharon Wulf and June-Sara Alvarado so we'll be sure to register you for the correct calls. (May-Bill Costello). If you want to register for all 3 calls - say ALL 3.

3. After we've received your registration, you will be sent the Concall access information. You must dial into the conferencing number - it is not a toll-free number so arrange to use a free or low-cost phone line ahead of time. We will send all questions provided ahead of time to our speakers. We will also send you a pdf file of the speakers' slides and recordings will be available by download.



DECconnection Newsbytes - Members please send news you'd like to share to: <u>webmaster@decconnection.org</u>.



- Sally Hering writes: After leaving DEC/CPQ in 2000 I have worked as Sales VP for Ernst & Young Technologies, Park City Solutions and Atlanticon focusing on Healthcare Tech and Consulting Solutions covering most states. I am currently seeking my next career opportunity and would like to reach out to former DECee's to network! I continue to reside in the Ft. Lauderdale area for 30 yrs now and love it! <u>sahering@msn.com</u>
- Send in your NewsBytes for next month! Keep 'em coming!

Membership Updates - welcome to our new & renewing members since last e-news in March:

Renewing Members: Carolyn Abbott, Sarah Booth, E. Burton Brown, Sue Lawrence-Longo, Phyllis Toomey, Jen O'Rourke, Ellen Simarano, Phyllis Toomey, Vic Valenti, and Betty Winberg.

New Members: Elizabeth Ann Baker, Mary Cozma, Don Curns, Sally Hering, Gail Germain Martis, Jim Kennedy, Caron Rakich and Sharon Wulf.

Welcome to all - we hope to see and hear you at our events this year.

Website Updates

Be sure to take advantage of your Member Business Directory benefit! www.decconnection.org/MemberBusinesses.htm Paid-up members can just send your info to webmaster@decconnection.org.
If you are a member you are entitled to join our Linked In DECconnectionGroup (no additional charge). Request from within LinkedIn to be addedor email webmaster.



HP Retiree Connection

Questions and offers from Jill Sweeney, Program Manager for the HP Retiree Group:

- 1. Discount store for HP Alumni: <u>http://www.hpdirect.com/employee</u> /hpalumni
- DEC retirees can sign up to receive HP retiree program information from HP; go here: <u>http://www.hp.com/retiree</u> /news/feedback_signup.html If prompted, username=hpway; password=toplay
- 3. Join the HP Retiree Community on Facebook: www.facebook.com/hpretiree
- 4. Most of us ex-Digits are not official retirees. However, HP has a program that will get us some discount on products called HP Friends and Family. Register here, company code FF2090 (you will probably need to cut and paste the entire URL below because it doesn't fit on one line):



