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Ken Olsen has been elected to Electronic Design Magazine's Hall of Fame in their December 2011 issue. Click below to see the articles!

- [The Class of 2011 Arrives with Pride Amid Sadness](#)
- [Ken Olsen: Faith, Work and Charity support a Computing Career](#)
- [Giants May Pass, but their Computing Legacy Lives On](#)
- From 2010: [Gordon Bell - From Minicomputers to the Internet and Beyond](#)



Happy New Year from  
The DEC Connection!

## Hewlett-Packard News: Annual Briefing on 12 Jan in Andover MA sponsored by the DEC Connection

The DEC Connection is sponsoring a local session of the HP Corporate Briefing on Thursday, January 12, 2012, from 2-4 PM at the HP facility at 165 Dascomb Rd. in Andover MA.

There will be an Annual Corporate briefing, giveaways and a social hour, and Nancy Kilty will play the PBS documentary Digital\_Man/Digital\_World about Ken Olsen.

REGISTER via the HP Retiree site at:

<https://www.hpwebgen.com/questions.aspx?id=27843&pass=96986>

All former DECcies are invited; you need not be a retiree, just have worked for HP, DEC or its other acquired companies.

There are additional locations in CA, CO, OR, TX, and Reading, UK.

For more info: [hp.retireeprograms@hp.com](mailto:hp.retireeprograms@hp.com)

Replay will be posted in February at: [www.hp.com/retiree](http://www.hp.com/retiree)



## DEC Connection Membership News:

Two of DEC Connection's seven Board members are hosts of ethnic music radio shows on WCUW in Worcester MA.

Bob Alessio is a DJ host of "VIVA Italia" - an Italian song fest on WCUW 91.3 FM in Worcester MA on Sunday afternoons from 12-2 PM EST. It can be listened to on the Internet on [www.wcuw.org](http://www.wcuw.org).



DECconnection Board Members and Radio Hosts: Bob Alessio (left) and Jack Mileski (right)

Jack Mileski is the Polish DJ on "The Polish Polka Party" on the same station on alternate Sundays from 2-4 PM on the same station. He'll be on on Jan 1, 22nd, and 29th and then, starting in Feb, every 2nd and 4th Sunday.

**Welcome New Members:** Ron Ginger, Kevin Liston

## Membership Renewals for 2012 are now due!

- We're on a calendar fiscal year so please check if your dues are up for renewal. If you've paid since 2009, you are registered in our Member Service Center. [Go to this link](#) and enter your email address (primary one used by DEC Connection). You can pay dues renewal online (3rd link at top, above your info). (For help, email [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org))
- If you prefer not to pay online, you can send a personal check made out to The DEC Connection to c/o Bob Moore, 28 Fernglade Rd., Burlington MA 01803. \$25 for 3 years, \$10 for 1 year. Thanks for your support!

**DEC Connection Member NewsBytes:** send yours to

[webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org). [See our new NewsByte archive page.](#)

- From Ron Ginger: I am retired to the coast of Maine. I still do my boating, completing a 2000 mile run from Ottawa Canada to Maine, via the Great Lakes a few years ago. I'm also still into technology, active in computer control of machinery. [ronginger@roadrunner.com](mailto:ronginger@roadrunner.com)
- Ted Sares' newest (and fourth) book titled *Shattered*, a true crime book, will be released by Tate Publishing to book stores in about three months. Ted continues to write for the prestigious web site Boxing.com and remains one of the most respected boxing writers in the United States. [tedsares@roadrunner.com](mailto:tedsares@roadrunner.com)
- From Betty J. Winberg: Betty was featured in an 15 October article in the Nashua Telegraph ([click here to read](#)), *Harbor Homes to honor mental health advocate*. "Today, the name Betty J. Winberg is almost as synonymous with mental health advocacy and ending homelessness as is Harbor Homes and its Partnership for Successful Living, the multifaceted agency she helped found 31 years ago." Betty does not have e-mail, but she wrote us a long newsy note, which is posted online in our new website area, the NewsByte archive ([click here](#)). Betty started at Digital in 1978 in Maynard in Sales Training, and soon became an original occupant of the Merrimack facility. Betty worked in her original position as admin for Sales Training for 90% of her 21-year Digital career, retiring in 1989. Betty has kept very busy! She says: "Aging is exciting, with lots of new doors to open." Besides her mental health advocacy work, in her retirement, Betty was a co-founder of the senior learning center, RISE, at Rivier College in Nashua. Former DEC work-mates wanting to get in touch with Betty can reach her at 603-882-6957.



Betty J. Winberg

## DEC Stories

- Mike Schoepke wrote to share a fabulous DEC employee story from his years at the Chicago area Daily Herald:

"Back in 1979 we purchased two corporate cabinet 11/70s - serial numbers 56657 and 56658. The DEC tech that came to do the install was John Alfrinko. His badge number was 56657. He felt that Ken Olsen had presented him his own machine. In all the years that we ran those servers, he would never let another tech work on those two boxes."

- **Michael Schoepke** AVP / Manager of Computer Operations [mschoepke@dailyherald.com](mailto:mschoepke@dailyherald.com)

## Sad News Department:

We are sorry to report the death of DEC Connection member **Mort Ruderman**, 75. Mort was Digital's first salesperson to the medical market, and went on to co-found MEDITECH, the successful hospital information systems company. He did very well and became a venture capitalist and mentor to young business persons. Mort established the Ruderman Family Foundation to donate to charitable causes including medical research. Our condolences to Mort's family and friends.

[Details on the Memorials page, including a link to a video posted by Mort's son.](#)

## Website Updates:

- [NewsByte Archive](#) will have these member notes posted on a cumulative basis.
- Review of the **Ken Olsen Tribute Day**: [Here is a link to the event wrap-up on our website](#), where you can see our photo galleries of the event, including the Maynard Historical Society and Gordon College display of Ken's memorabilia, and a 2-1/2 minute movie trailer of the film.
- Use your [MEMBER SERVICE CENTER!](#) Use the gold Member Login button if you have paid dues since 2009. 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, access or request membership in our LinkedIn Group, and send info for articles such as Featured Entrepreneur.
- [Ken Olsen Memorials](#) submitted by our members and readers - we are still adding to this page, send yours!
- [DEC Stories](#) submitted by our members and readers - We are still collecting your unusual, humorous or just favorite DEC stories. Email them to [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org). They should be one page or less and be entertaining to our members. [Click on this link](#) to enjoy the ones submitted so far.
- [Our Featured Entrepreneur](#) - Would you like to be a Featured Member Entrepreneur? Email webmaster with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.
- If you are a member you are entitled to join our Linked In DEConnection Group. Request from within LinkedIn to be added or [email webmaster](#).
- Gordon College's Memorial Service for Ken is posted on our [About Ken Olsen](#) page. Download time is 10-60 min. before it plays - files are 75, 260 and 800 MB - so please be patient.
- [Product and Services Page](#) has videos and photos. Please submit suggestions and content, such as presentations or documents that depict product families, to [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org).

