



## Events as of June 30, 2017

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### TIME TO SIGN UP for our Summer 2017 Maynard-area Event at Kimball Farm

The DECconnection summer event this year will be held at Kimball Farm, 400 Littleton Road, Westford, MA the afternoon of Sunday, August 20th, from 1-4 PM.

Lots of fun to be had for everyone with games, rides, food, drinks and of course their famous ice cream. You can see what they have to offer by visiting their website at <http://kimballfarm.com/>.

DECconnection will provide \$10 gifts for all paid-up registered members, which can be spent on anything that takes your fancy (food, drinks, rides, games, ice cream, etc.) Non-members/guests are welcome to join us, but will not receive \$10. You pay for your own rides, food, etc. otherwise.

To sign up (no advance tickets required, but we'd appreciate knowing if you plan to attend so we can reserve tables together) please email [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org) with your name, email address, and # of attendees. In the event of rain, outing will be postponed 1 week. We'll announce cancellation on our website home page.

### Other SAVE-THE-DATES:

\* Semi-annual Phoenix luncheon at Santisi Brothers Pizza will be Saturday, November 4, 2017, at noon

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

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## Digital and the Industry

We are sorry to report that TechSandBox, the MetroWest area incubator in Hopkinton that was so capably run by DEC Connection member Barbara Finer and her dedicated volunteers, will be closing up shop at the end of July 2017 due to lack of funding after four years of helping over 50 start-ups in our area.

## Lost and Found

John Nikolic (who worked in CXO) would like to contact Bill Lowe who worked for DEC in MA around 1980. John now lives in Pearl, Mississippi and can be reached at (601) 383 5983-c or johnnikolic@att.net

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## DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during June:

Susan Azibert (NH), Ron Brender (IN), Edmund Gianetto (MA), Kristy Gleason (NH), Barrie Hunter (MA), Sue Lawrence-Longo (MA), Ellie McCarthy (MA), Angela Pitter-Wright (MA), Lloyd Tucker (MA), and Nettie Watson (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](mailto:ava@deconnection.org) for help.
- You can also join us (or renew) at [Join the DEC Connection online!](#)
- Please DO NOT send personal checks this month while we make arrangements for a new treasurer.
- 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.

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### DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

Please send your update to: [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org) [See our NewsByte archive page.](#)

We are pleased that this month we have a few more personal updates. Please keep these coming!

- **Dr. Margaret Britt** has retired from teaching in the Master's of Business Administration Program at Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Mount Vernon, Ohio. She is living in Lakeland, Florida where she enjoys many activities and especially the warm weather. [meje7@aol.com](mailto:meje7@aol.com)
- **Jim Kelley:** Fully retired in 2008. Moved to Dover, NH ten years ago. Wife and I privileged to enjoy now five young grandchildren, time in Maine, and travel which includes China, Tibet, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Spain (Camino de Santiago), and Russia, Italy, Austria, and Switzerland. Never meet anyone here on the Seacoast who even knows what a Digital Equipment Corporation is (or was)! [jameskelley@earthlink.net](mailto:jameskelley@earthlink.net) 603.343.4088 (h) 603.465.7237 (c)

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### Sad News Department

We are very sad to announce that **Bob Moore**, our dedicated DEC Connection Treasurer, and founder of the Digital Retirees Association (DRA) organization (following the first SERP) that DEC Connection joined with in 2006, has been moved into hospice care in the Boston area. Bob's Digital career was in IT Operations in the greater Maynard area. If you would like to send Bob a short note he can be reached at his wife Doris' email at [dmoore03@verizon.net](mailto:dmoore03@verizon.net). Doris says Bob would love to hear from old Digital friends.



Joan Shanley wrote in to report that her friend **Judy Crowley** from Worcester MA who was in Human Resources in MRO had passed away on 13 Nov 2016. [Details are on our Memorial Page.](#)

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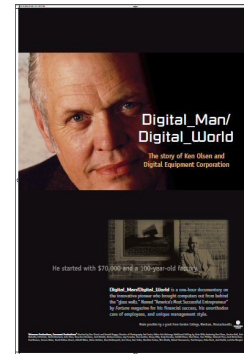
### Website Features and Updates

- [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?>

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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](#)



- [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, access or request membership in our LinkedIn Group, 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 [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org). [Click on this link.](#)
- **Featured Member Entrepreneur** - Email [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org) with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.
- If you are a member you are entitled to join our [Linked In DECconnection Group]. Request from LinkedIn to be added or email [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org).

**Hewlett-Packard Alumni Association info (membership not required)** Thanks to Curt Gowan for sharing all of this valuable advice.

\* US - Medicare webinar presentations and Q-and-A: Medicare is much more complex than one would think... and there can be some expensive surprises. Both speakers are very experienced, succinct, and practical.

<http://www.hpalumni.org/medicare>

- Part 1 -- Medicare Explained -- with Heads Up Warnings, by non-profit health insurance counselor Connie Corrales. - Part 2 -- Medicare for HP Retirees, by Aon Retiree Health Exchange analyst David Rew. - Part 3 -- Q and A.

\* HP stock and options issues: <http://www.hpalumni.org/stock>

\* Leaving HP? Use the HP Alumni Association's "ASAP Checklist" immediately. It has advice on the many things you have to do before you lose access to HP's internal systems. Go to <http://www.hpalumni.org/asap>

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