

## March 2013 News-at-a-Glance



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Phoenix AZ annual Reunion Lunch - Sat 6 April 2013** - Bill Johnson's Big Apple Restaurant, 19th Ave & Bell Road, Phoenix, 12 noon. Email GalenDavis@aol.com for add'l info.
- **Colorado Springs 11th Annual Reunion Dinner - Fri 26 April 2013** - [Click for summary info](#). Email Lorrie Marzulla for add'l info at roge@pcisys.net

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### Reunion With Your Peers: We welcome your proposals!

The Board is considering potential DECconnection events for 2013. One of those would be a Reunion of your peers **defined and organized by you**. Determine the peer group you would like to invite (by geography, building, affinity group [e.g. sales, engineering, manufacturing], years, etc.) Also choose the activity (e.g., a luncheon, dinner, cookouts, ball games, golf, boat rides, travel, music festivals, etc.). The Board of The DEC Connection will provide help choosing a site, determine the cost, negotiate with vendors, provide a portion of the funding, help with setup if Maynard area, name tags, selling tickets on our website, promoting, etc. This could be a small or large group. Members, send us your proposal at: [info@DECconnection.org](mailto:info@DECconnection.org) and we will be in contact with you.



Linda Crawford,  
our new Featured Entrepreneur  
(see below)

Two members in the **SW Florida area (Naples)** have raised their hands - please contact them if you are interested in participating - Sally Hering ([sahering@msn.com](mailto:sahering@msn.com)) and Ray Humphrey ([rayhumphrey@earthlink.net](mailto:rayhumphrey@earthlink.net)).

## DEC Connection Member News

Welcome **New Members**: Will Babetski, Susan Ennis, Don Harbert, Mary Ellen Piantedosi, Angela Pitter-Wright, Manohar (Ashok) Vichare, and Rick Watson

and a hearty re-welcome to our **Renewing Members**: John DeMarco, Ralph Dieter, Ellie Gadomski, Diana Harotian, Don Holden, Roland Hughes, Paul Hymovitz, Joanne Jacobs, Tom Kopec, Ellie McCarthy, William McCook, Dick Noddin, Sonny (Ralph) Provencher, Dale Reddington, Liz Robertson, Chuck Steinhauser, and Barbara Weinstein.

Thanks to all for your continuing support!

### It's Membership Renewal Time!

Best method to renew: Click this 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 for you - no leading or trailing spaces and it should work - email [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org) for help.)

- You can also join us (or renew) at [www.deconnection.org/join.htm](http://www.deconnection.org/join.htm)
- You can also send a check to The DEC Connection, c/o Bob Moore, 28 Fernglade Rd., Burlington MA 01803. \$10 for 1 year, \$25 for 3 years.

- If you prefer to use your PayPal account directly (not via our website), use our payment address: [registrations@deconnection.org](mailto:registrations@deconnection.org) - please do NOT use any of the Board members' personal email addresses.

**New Featured Entrepreneur:** [Click here](#) to meet our member **Linda Crawford** (photo above right), who leveraged her Digital sales career to start her own businesses in the health and wellness area. Linda's coaching, consulting and healthy cooking services are so innovative that Linda has just been featured in a video on TV in California! (link to video is in our article, check it out!).

**DEC Connection Member NewsBytes:** send yours to: [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org). [See our new NewsByte archive page.](#)

Working on our backlog of NewsBytes but do send yours in if you haven't yet!

- From **Rene Davis**: I retired from Digital, where I worked in the Market Data Center in Marlboro and Maynard for many years. Now at age 89, I keep very busy with my African Violet Club, and a Sewing/ Craft group that raises money to support our Senior Center. I also volunteer for two months every year in two of Sudbury's kindergarten classes and I believe this will be my 13th year! I keep in touch with my four grandchildren and two great Grandchildren. This is my life now since my hubby of 61 years passed away. [sivade@msn.com](mailto:sivade@msn.com)
- **Ed and Carole Lengyel** are still enjoying lake living in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in northwest South Carolina. We have welcomed the arrival of our third grandchild (and first granddaughter) just last year, and try to get to see them often. [ed.lengyel@gmail.com](mailto:ed.lengyel@gmail.com)
- **Ray Humphrey** is leading an exciting after-Digital life with international travel consulting to the government and industry on security issues and serving on several corporate boards: EID Passport with Homeland Secretary Tom Ridge; SecurTest; iSekurity; EmX/Blackwood Systems; U.S. Secretary of State's Overseas Security Advisory Council; State Department's Accountability Review Board. Ray is the co-founder and a former president of the American Society of International Security (ASIS-Int'l) and is president of the International Security Management Association (ISMA). Ray maintains his home in Sudbury MA, but has lived in Naples FL (paradise) for the last ten years. [rayhumphrey@earthlink.net](mailto:rayhumphrey@earthlink.net)
- **Peter Marcus** writes: Since leaving Digital I have been a Tournament Director for the American Contract Bridge Association (card game), which I now do full-time. Think DEC Connection is great and, as I am moving from outside Hartford CT to Lynnfield MA, I hope to be closer to be able to attend some functions. [marcus@att.net](mailto:marcus@att.net)
- From **Don Randall**: I am working at Hewlett-Packard in Bellevue WA (Seattle area). [Don.R.Randall@hp.com](mailto:Don.R.Randall@hp.com)
- **Gail Blizard** writes: Currently retired after 32 years working for Digital, Compaq, and HP, and a long illness. Bob and I have been married for 37 years, have two grown children, and are currently on our way to Tucson, Arizona, where we will be until the middle of April. We hope New England will have Spring by then. Despite my physical limitations we are enjoying retirement immensely and are so busy we wonder how we ever found the time to work! [r2g2blizard@gmail.com](mailto:r2g2blizard@gmail.com)
- **Rodney Mitchell** has been the Channel Manager at Glacier Computer

since 2007. We manufacture rugged computers specializing in vehicle-mount, tablet and handheld mobile applications. Glacier products are distributed worldwide through a network of reseller partners.

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- **Cynthia (Nadreau) Whitty** is an officer and the publicity coordinator for the Ashland Business Association (ABA) in Ashland, MA, where she heads her own business, Cynthia Whitty Communications, doing marketing and public relations for small businesses and nonprofit organizations. She loves to help start up new ventures, like the Ashland Farmers Market, Transition Ashland and Ashland Community Gardens. Contact her to say hello, [cynwhitty@aol.com](mailto:cynwhitty@aol.com).
- **Diana Harotian** is now a full-time LLD Program Teacher in Sudbury School District. In addition she is a Realtor at ERAKey Framingham, MA, and continues management consulting locally through her company ManEDGEment Solutions. [consultdia@aol.com](mailto:consultdia@aol.com)
- **Glen Germanowski** (DEC 1980-1992) – The company where I was serving as General Counsel was acquired in December of 2012 and as a result, I am now in private legal practice, working with high tech companies, particularly in the areas of employment law, contracting, and privacy and data retention. After DEC, I spent 16 years as an attorney and VP/Associate General Counsel at Sybase, Inc. I can be reached at (978) 228-9482. [gleng100@yahoo.com](mailto:gleng100@yahoo.com)
- **Julie Labbe** writes: I LOVE retirement.....or, perhaps I should say semi-retirement. I do work two part-time jobs that add up to 15-20 hours/week - mostly because I enjoy keeping my brain active and my computer skills current. I so appreciate those of you who volunteer to keep deconnection going - it's nice to stay in touch with the DEC family! [jlabbeland@gmail.com](mailto:jlabbeland@gmail.com)
- **Galen Davis** ... formally known as DEC badge #307. Retired 1962-1992 from DEC while working in San Diego, then retired again from Intel, 1993-2003. Volunteer activities in San Diego included SCORE business counseling and museum docent on the carrier USS Midway. Now living in Phoenix with wife Diana we recently celebrated our 50 wedding anniversary. Four adult children, eight grand children, one great granddaughter. Retirement hobbies include golf, camping and nature photography. Samples of my nature photography can be found on Shutterpoint.com:  
<http://www.shutterpoint.com/Photos-Search.cfm?q=Galen+davis&order=rat>

In Arizona I've joined with other DEC Arizona alumni to hold semi-annual lunches in Phoenix on the first Saturday in April and November. We find 50-75 alumni twice a year to network and share updates, etc. Our next lunch is this April 6th. For details (or to get on our e-list for Arizona alumni events) write me at: [GalenDavis@aol.com](mailto:GalenDavis@aol.com)

Thanks to the "DECconnection" for excellent communications, with our DEC family, and keeping the DEC network and spirit alive. Our company was more than a job to many of us, it was an unforgettable and productive working experience.

- **Bob Moore** asked to mark the occasion of the 40th anniversary of our leaving South Vietnam after ten years, which occurred on 29 March 2013, expressing thanks to the veterans in our group who served.
- **Jack Burness** writes from Colorado Springs: For those that remember Moonlander on the GT40, it was created 40 years ago, just about on February 1, 1973. With the "final" and much used version being created

on February 25, 1973. But thanks to Rick Naro you can play it right now. On your iPad (sorry, it doesn't work on an iPhone). It is amazingly like the original. Just download the app Moonlander Classic by Paradigm Systems from the appstore. It's free. And amidst the credits and FAQs there are interesting tidbits of information, including the original source code... forums@burness.com

## Sad News Department:

We are saddened to report the passing of Australian computer pioneer and long-time Digital thought leader, **Ron Smart**, 85, on 3/10/13 in CA. There will be a memorial service for Ron in Frankestown NH on one of the first 3 Saturdays in June at 2PM, to be announced.

We are also saddened to learn of the recent death of our member, **Dave Gretton**, 77, in Houston TX on 3/28/13. Dave started in 1976 in Manufacturing in MA, Phoenix and Singapore and post-1998 moved to work for Compaq in



Houston til his retirement in 2003.

Condolences also to friends of **Jane Marie Tibur**, 83, in Woburn MA on 2/27/13, who was a marketing representative for Digital, retired in 1992.

See our [Memorials page](#) for further information.

## Website Updates:

- 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!
- **Links page:** Volunteer activities - if you have an organization you'd like to post, email [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org)
- 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). They should be one page or less and be entertaining to our members. [Click on this link](#) to enjoy the ones submitted so far.
- [Read about Linda Crawford, our new featured Member Entrepreneur.](#)
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