

November/early December 2010 DEC Connection News-at-a-Glance



It's holiday time - remember the wonderful Digital turkeys we got before Christmas? Thanks to Roger Rees Bentley for sending this photo (below, right) to remind us of these "good old days." A healthy, happy holiday season to all from The DEC Connection!

DECconnection Chapter Fall Events

Southeast FL - Boca Raton area - Chapter TGIF Get-together - THIS Friday December 3rd, 5:30 - 7:30+ PM - Stop by for a holiday drink with your DECconnection friends at the Blue Martini Bar in the Terrace at Boca Town Center Mall (Glades Rd. - between Nordstrom's and Bloomingdale's). Happy Hour is 4-7 pm, music starts at 8 pm.

Pittsburgh PA area Chapter (PTO, Erie, Charleston WV offices) is being organized by Bill Costello - a **Reunion Party** is planned for Thursday, December 9th:

- Day & Date: Thursday, December 9, 2010
- Place: Wheel House Sports Bar (inside the Rivers Casino) - Pittsburgh, PA
- Time: 5 PM to 9PM - Happy Hour Specials: 6 to 8PM
- Parking: FREE in the Casino garage
- Questions: william.costello@bc3.edu and bill.costello@ang.af.mil or call Bill at 724-355-6273
- If you know any ex-DECcies in W PA area please pass this email along (they didn't have to work there, any ex-DECcies are welcome)



DECconnection 2011 Events and Concalls - Take SURVEY

We're still interested in your feedback and ideas for events and concalls for 2011 - what would motivate you to attend or participate? Do you have an expertise you're willing to share during a concall? [Click here to take the quick survey.](#)

Hewlett-Packard: The 2010 Retiree Briefing replay is now available on the retiree website http://www.hp.com/retiree/news/2010_Retiree_Briefing.html

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DECconnection was represented by several members local to Andover MA, who attended the presentation and luncheon.

You can review the [virtual product fair](#), download slides or review a transcript of the meeting. Photographs from the event can be viewed on the [HP Retiree Facebook page](#)

DECconnection Newsbytes - Members please send news you'd like to share to: webmaster@deconnection.org.

- Didier Morandi de Trarieux-Lumiere (a.k.a. DTL, from Toulouse, France, where he helps their group of 1800 French ex-DECcians stay in touch), recently joined the DEC Connection and posted some musings about the Digital-Microsoft connection. [See his thoughts at this link](#).
- From Peter D'Olimpio, PMP: I am a current HP employee, and I started with DEC in 1981. I saw something a year or 2 ago that I totally forgot about until now. While on a project, I was able to get a tour of what was left of the data center on Taylor Street in Littleton, MA (a former DEC location). While touring the floor, I saw something that I could not believe. I saw a small row of old DEC VAX machines still in use! After the initial shock wore off, I took my phone and quickly snapped the attached photo because I knew no one would believe me! The data center is closed now, not sure what happened to the machine? So here we have it, a DEC product that you just can't kill!!!! Figured the members would get a kick out of it. (See photo at right.)
- Send in your NewsBytes for next month! Keep 'em coming!



Membership Updates - welcome to our new & renewing members during November:

- **Renewing Member:** William Murdock
- **New Members:** Al Bissell, Cathy Kitts, Fred Kraus, Didier Morandi de Trarieux-Lumiere, Jesslyn Sullivan, and Don Ware
- Please keep in mind that **Membership renewals** are due in January. If you don't remember if you are up-to-date with dues, please email webmaster@deconnection.org for status. Thanks!

Sad News Department: Our sincere condolences to the families and friends of Richard Duke from Colorado Springs; and to the family and friends of Steven Douglas Schustak, of NJ and FL; both passed away since our last Newsletter. [Click here](#) for Memorials page.

DECconnection members Dave Gretton (Houston) and Galen Davis (Phoenix) wrote in late October to let us know about their old friend Jack Del Brocco (Phoenix), who has been battling leukemia but suffered a setback and was moved to a hospice. Jack would like to hear from old friends at: delbrocco@bellsouth.net

Website Updates

- 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 DECconnection Group (no additional charge). Request from within LinkedIn to be added or [email webmaster](#).

