April 2012 DEC Connection News-at-a-Glance

Join your DEC Connection Friends in Maynard for a fun-filled evening of dinner and music!

Thanks to three of our musically talented members -- Rolf Seichter, Bob Alessio, and Marilyn Goodrich -- we will enjoy a great dinner with socializing followed by a terrific sing-along! No singing talent required, only enthusiasm! You can sing in a group or volunteer for a solo, your choice! Or just enjoy the dinner, show and fun from your seat!

When: Saturday evening, June 23, 2012, from 5:30 - ? PM
Where: The River Rock Grill, 163 Main Street, Maynard MA (978) 897-5500 across street from the Mill, near Sudbury St.

Dinner tickets are priced at only $20 each for DEC Connection members and one guest, or $30 for non-members (you can join first, then get the member discount).
Dinner: choice of 3 entrees (beef, chicken, veggie), 3 different appetizers available.

Click here for more info on our website.

Upcoming Events

- **Colorado Springs (CXO)** announced its 10th Spring Reunion for Friday, April 27, 2012 at the Embassy Suites. Contact TMcordova@comcast.net to attend. Link to complete invite on website.
- Colleagues from the former WEGY offices (Cologne Germany) will hold their annual meeting on 10th of May 2012 in Cologne. If you are interested to join us, please contact Ingolf@DECnett.de - Ingolf Marzenski
- Save the Date - **SE Florida** - Private Yacht Cruise and Dinner at a Restaurant on the Intracoastal in Ft. Lauderdale, Sat., Nov 3, 2012

Inquiry about DEC History:

David Mark writes a history column for Maynard's newspaper, the Beacon-Villager. In Ed Schein's book about Digital, he mentioned that in the early days Gloria Parazzo managed the module production line in the mill and that the employees were all female. Schein used the term "Gloria's Girls," which he thought would make a great introduction to an article about DEC's earliest days in Maynard. Do you have any idea how I could connect with some of the earliest DEC employees involved in the actual manufacturing process, back in the day when DEC was just one of many small companies in the Mill complex? Any leads on how to contact Mrs. Parazzo or any of the other women on the production line? Thank you -

David A. Mark, 978-897-0890, david@dmarknutrition.com

DEC Connection Membership News

Welcome New and Returning Members!
Renewing Member: Wayne Gaskill
New Member: Sherry Thompson Giordano

Thanks again to Rita Foley for delivering her Member-Helping-Member Concall on "Reboot Your Life: Energize Your Career and Life by Taking a
Break”. If you are a paid-up member of DEC Connection, you can receive the presentation and audio recording by emailing webmaster@decconnection.org. And check out Rita’s website at www.rebootbreak.com!

New DECconnection chapters:

- **Washington, D.C. (DC, MD, VA, WV)** If you’re interested please email new member Charlotte Cocke Conley at charlotteconley@gmail.com who will organize. If you know any ex-DECcies in this area please contact to ask them to contact Charlotte. thanks!

- **Central FL - an HP Retiree Group (for which we qualify as members)** is being started at The Villages, meeting quarterly for lunch. They have 25 people so far. Contact Judy Donohue, 352-603-3941, HPFloridaretirees@gmail.com

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes: send yours to: webmaster@decconnection.org. See our new NewsByte archive page.

- From **Wayne Gaskill**: Retired in Tampa Florida area, just enjoying life with my wife Mary-Jo and helping as many folks as I can to do the same. Life is good!! wgaskill@tampabay.rr.com

- From **Don Murphy**, Digital Badge #144: I am retired in Provincetown after an incredible life and career with DEC. I have had the opportunity to apply my DEC experience and Ken’s value system to business and community activities here in town. I do it with enthusiasm and pride as I have fun seeing the results. Life Is Good. See photo at right. wrover@aol.com

Special Thanks to Jack Mileski for leading a group ["friends of Ken"] formed to explore the idea of creating a physical reminder of Ken and his impact on the Computer Industry. A small-scale statue was made and is an example of what could be built one day to honor Ken if there is strong interest. Joe Mullin (2nd from left, below) was delighted to receive the statue on behalf of Clock Tower Place.

Website Updates:

- **History and Culture page**: Galen Davis sent in a copy of the original Digital Telephone Book.

- **Links page**: We added a section called Volunteer activities - if you have an organization you’d like to post, email webmaster@decconnection.org

- **NewsByte Archive** will have member notes posted on a cumulative basis.
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](http://app.expressemailmarketing.com/poseidon/editcampaign.aspx) to enjoy the ones submitted so far.

**Our Featured Entrepreneur** - Meet Rita Foley, co-author of *Reboot Your Life: Energize your Career and Life by Taking a Break*

- 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. Request from within LinkedIn to be added or email [webmaster](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org).

**Ken Olsen Memorials** submitted by our members and readers - we are still adding to this page, send yours! Gordon College's Memorial Service for Ken is posted on our [About Ken Olsen](http://app.expressemailmarketing.com/poseidon/editcampaign.aspx) 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 describe product families, to webmaster@deconnection.org.