Upcoming Events

Sat. April 30, 2016 - from 10 AM - 2 PM - Greater Maynard Area Shredding Party with Barbeque - Sponsored by Legacy Financial Advisors Join us for music, food, drinks and good company while we safely destroy your confidential documents. Bring family and friends. Nancy Kilty, DEC Connection president, will host participants from The DEC Connection. Please RSVP by email by Thursday, April 28th to ava@decconnection.org. (Please provide your name and name of guests, email and phone number.) There is no fee for this event. Location: Westborough Office Park, 1700 West Park Drive (Patio), Westborough MA

Sat. 30 Apr 2016 - Southeast Florida - 7:30-11 PM Casual Get-together in Boynton Beach FL all ex-DECcies are invited, wherever you worked: LA/CR-Deerfield, Sales/Service, Retirees, Relocatees, and Snowbirds - Good conversation and reminiscing along with hors d'oeuvres, desserts, wine/beer/soft drinks. Email Ava Schutzman with your name, guest name, and cell phone to ava@deccconnection.org by Thurs. April 28th.

Sun. 5 June 2016 - Maynard area - Scottish Music and Dinner. The Strathspey & Reel Society will have the honor of helping the Longfellow’s Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA, celebrate their 300th Anniversary by presenting a concert in the big tent on the grounds of the Inn at 72 Wayside Inn Rd, Sudbury, MA 01776 Time: 2:00 P.M. Dinner optional before or after the concert (will be selling tickets). Info: marilyngoodrich@comcast.net
Sat. 15 Oct 2016 - **The 30th anniversary of "Discover Digital in the Caribbean"**, a DECworld-like show in 1986, will take place in San Juan, Puerto Rico. To attend, contact Alex at alexrsinger@yahoo.com

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**Event Recaps**

**Phoenix AZ Semi-Annual Luncheon - 2 April 2016**

**Colorado Springs Annual Reunion - 22 April 2016**

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**Digital and the Industry**

Thanks to the Colorado Springs group for sharing this Microsoft news feature about Dave Cutler and his many contributions to the computer industry:

[Link to entire article](#)

Dave has been honored by election to the Hall of Fellows at the Computer History Museum (computerhistory.org) Don't miss the 6-1/2 min. video where Dave summarizes his computing career.

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**DEC Connection Member News**

**Welcome to our new and renewing members during April:**

Bob Brownson (MA), Bob Carlin (MA), Dan Casaletto (MA), Leonard Fehskens (PA), Fred Gould (NH), Stephen Jablonsky (MA), Bob Johnson (MA), Ed Manning (MA), Maria Navedo (MA), Mary Anne North (MA), Ted Sares (NH), Lin Schimel (FL), Richard G. Smith (MA), Jesslyn Sullivan (MA), Richard Treadway (CA), Dave Wells (NH), Mel Woolsey (GA), Nancy Woolsey (GA), and Mark Yanow (MA).

Thanks to those who renewed in response to our email reminder. If you are enjoying our e-newsletters please consider joining for a year 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@deconnexion.org for help.
• You can also join us (or renew) at Join the DEC Connection online!
• You can also send a personal 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@deconnexion.org - do NOT use any Board member's personal email address.

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

send yours to: ava@deconnexion.org See our NewsByte archive page.

New member Stephen Jablonsky writes: I started working for DEC in 1972 in the Mill (5-B and 5-5), moved to Marlboro(MR01) then to PK1, MK0 and LTN. In Littleton I worked for three companies (DEC, COMPAQ and HP) but had the same office. I retired in 2005 and am now enjoying my retirement and feeling fine. Prior to joining DEC I worked at BBN (6 years) on the PDP-1, PDP 7/8 and PDP-10(KA10/MI10) as a computer operator manager. Stephen.Jablonsky@comcast.net 508-769-9476

Margaret (Nouriel) Stashluk, formerly an occupational health nurse, living in Nashua NH, celebrated her one-year retirement in April 2016 (retired 4/2015 with ending of Semiconductor manufacturing in Hudson, MA). stashluk@comcast.net

Dale Rutschow is in hospice from ALS and Lyme disease. He would love to hear from former co-workers in the Colorado Springs Gold and NASDAQ support teams (1995-2003), Chapel Hill NC support (1983-1988), and Rockford IL/Chicago (1990-1995) support organizations. Please email dalerutschow@comcast.net

Sad News Department

Sadly, we have some deaths of former Digital employees to report:

* Rita Foley, 63, of New York, on March 30, 2016
* Alice "Dancie" Tiennette Zenon-Loggins, 59, of Colorado Springs, on March 26, 2016

• Details are on our Memorial Page.
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?productId=13315614

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. They should be one page or less and be entertaining to our members. [Click on this link.]

• **Featured Member Entrepreneur** - Email 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.

**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](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](http://www.hpalumni.org/stock)  

• HP U.S. Phased Retirement Program: [http://www.hpalumni.org/PRP](http://www.hpalumni.org/PRP)

• Leaving HP? Use the HP Alumni Association's "ASAP Checklist" immediately. It has advice and mutual help -- developed by HPAA members -- on the many things you have to do before you lose access to HP's internal systems. [Go to](http://www.hpalumni.org/asap)