

Events for 2010

1. **DECconnection Northern Italy Trip:** Deadline for sign-up at these prices has been extended one week to 27 February and space is limited. **Call 1-800- 438-7672;** Reference Tour Number, **62053162** or Coordinator's Name, Nancy Kilty. We will meet some DEC Italy friends for dinner as part of this program. [Click here to learn more.](#)



2. We are pleased to announce the Lowell Spinners baseball game with a Gator Pit barbeque dinner before the game for **Saturday July 17th** (note change from previous tentative date), 3:30 PM BBQ, 5 PM baseball game. Parking is easy and there are no traffic hassles getting to this entertaining game and great stadium. Bring your kids/grandkids for a great afternoon with DECconnection friends.

You can buy tickets online now on our website - deadline is 30 April to get a ticket with our DECconnection block. Price of \$27 per person includes all-you-can-eat BBQ dinner and the game (not beer, but that is available at the stadium).



www.deconnection.org/events.htm

for tickets online with a credit card or PayPal
we'll send you your tix in the mail before the game

3. Please let us know if you would be interested in attending any of the following possible social activities - send email to info@deconnection.org with your votes and other ideas.

- Combination picnic/cookout/beer fest - most likely in Stow MA
- Mill tour
- Boat Ride (Boston Harbor)
- Boat Ride (Mt. Washington - Lake Winnepesaukee - NH)
- Essex River cruise - Ipswich MA
- Lowell Folk Festival
- Ski day at Wachusett Mountain (discounts for groups of 10+)

And please remember that we are still looking for speakers for Member-Helping-Member Concalls, or topics of interest. Send to info@deconnection.org.



4. Chapter Events:

- SE Florida just held a small get-together in Fort Lauderdale at the Beach Place. Thanks to Peg Masjoan and Charlie Moeder for making the long trek (from Tampa and Ft. Myers, respectively) and it was also great to see Mary Thomas, Jose Chevere, Allan

Demers, Emma del Real, Geri Kearns, Anita Moeder, Ava, and My-Quan Tran. Photo will be posted on the FL page.

- S/W Florida - we have lots of people but need an organizer. Ava will send out contact info to the list and hopes that one of you will call a meeting to get something started!
- Colorado Springs (CXO) announces that Friday, April 23, 2010 will be their 8th Annual DEC Reunion. Contact Lorrie Marzulla for information (roge@pcsisys.net).

Update on DEC Retirement survey from Bob Moore: Everyone who sent a working email address should have received a forwarded copy of HP's "HP Retiree Communications - Please Opt-in" that jayhawkbob@verizon.net sent on February 20, 2010 and none of those emails bounced. Bob has exchanged email with many of the respondents and has received some interesting comments about retiring from DEC. Any additional information Bob hears regarding those who retired before 1996 will continue to receive email from jayhawkbob@verizon.net with subject "Digital Retirees". Marilyn Goodrich is the other DECconnection Board Member on this limited list so she will also be sent in this regard.

Job Suggestion from an HP Retiree: if you need some extra cash, consider applying for the temporary position of US Census Taker. The job pays well, on a weekly basis. Flexible working hours and pay for training for those who are selected. The census web site is www.2010censusjobs.gov. Interested people can call 1-866-861-2010 to schedule an employment test which is the required first step.

Reinhard Heuberger in Germany has posted a note looking for **RL02 disk drive design** information - please reply if you can help him with his vintage DEC Computer hobby. Reinhard.Heuberger@gmx.de
<http://deconnection.org/smf/index.php?topic=210.new#new>

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

- **Diane Carr** retired from HP in December 2006. Have enjoyed the last 3 years without concalls and meetings. Have uploaded hundreds of old family photos, slides and negatives and created DVD shows with music and captions to share with my brother and sister. Expect to move to The Villages, Florida, within the next year or two so; have also been busy re-painting the inside of the house in Shrewsbury in anticipation of putting it on the market.
- **Mary Cole** writes: I'm working on the business plan for a medical device company doing surgical instrumentation and trying to help two different groups of friends find ways to make their dreams come to fruition. One needs financial backing and has a patented technology that can change the face of wireless communications, stop the carnage from texting while driving, and end all unauthorized use of cellphones within restricted areas (see www.quietcell.com). The other effort involves helping a great lady named Teresa Martin down on the Cape get a children's book published. I see the potential as similar to Andre Norton's award-winning works. It's good to have people and things to believe in as well as challenges that keep the blood flowing. Best wishes to all.
- **Bill Costello** (PTO: '84 to '96) left I/T (IBM Co.) in '02 and have been working for a component of the USAF since. Bill is now working as a contracting official for the PA Air National Guard (USAF) and is also teaching college part-time. Last June Bill was one of our featured speakers for our Member-Helping-Member Concalls in his area of expertise, getting jobs with the federal government, and how to do business with the federal government. Bill would also be happy to give advice on getting college teaching positions - write to him at William.costello@bc3.edu.
- **Dave Goodwin** writes: I am an ex-DECcie from the UK. Currently I am working part time for the UK Government in IT. At



the same time I am studying for a PhD at the University of London, looking at the downfall of DEC and the potential that was there at the ed. I should finish my theses in about a year from now.

- **Martha Goodwine** (formerly Smithwood '78-'85, Phinney '85-'04) writes that she is now a Senior Financial Analyst/Worldwide Risk Compliance (Policy and Compliance) for Hewlett Packard. Martha has put in 32 combined (Digital/Compaq/HP) years with the company, and is now a telecommuter working from home in Hollis NH (her management based on the west coast).
- **Ivan Kristoffy** writes: I am retired, since I accepted the retirement package from Digital in 1992. I am doing some volunteer work in our church. I am still somewhat active in the Hungarian Society of Massachusetts. Currently I have started to organize monthly get togethers for those Boston area American Hungarians who, like myself, escaped from Hungary after the 1956 revolution. I am starting to write our family history.
- **Chuck Monroe** is still on a horse ranch in the hills outside Scottsdale. I came out of retirement to work as a Manufacturer's Rep for Arizona and New Mexico for environmental products that clean water and air for municipal and industrial plants.
- **Pat Plagman** writes: my wife Sheila (ex DECie and current HPer) and I relocated to Alpharetta, Georgia about 4 months ago (from Colorado Springs). Neither of us have lived in the east so we are excited about what the future might bring. So far I have really enjoyed everything except the traffic.
- **Elizabeth Strong** is a senior consultant with PMI, www.performancemethods.com, a consulting firm that helps industry-leading companies achieve results through sales best practices and effective account management. She can be reached at estrong@performancemethods.com.
- **Linda Trapasso**: I am currently on a short contract with HP for technical writing. As this is part time work, I am looking for other opportunities as well. Also thinking about whether to get more education or start a new career. Would enjoy connecting with former DEC technical writers. lstrapasso@netzero.com
- More NewsBytes are in the queue for next month! Keep 'em coming!

Membership Updates - welcome to our new and renewing members in February:

Renewing Members: Lynn Beckner, Alex Blatt, Ron Brender, Kenneth Brown, David Chen, Julia Corenzwit, Bill Costello, Robert Cummings, Barbara Davis, Kathy Dingelhoff, Pete and Judy Durant, Alan Earls, Dawn Evans, Linda Feldeisen, Patricia Fessler, Bruce Filgate, Linda Fraser, Dave Goodwin, Ron Hatfield, Donald Holden, Robert Jack, Ed Lengyel, Tom Kopec, Andrew Krim, Lynn Lee, Lois Levick, Peter Marcus, Sonia Mirkin, James S. Montague, Sr., Nancy Mongelli, Chuck Monroe, Larry Pape, Pat Pasquale, Alessandro Peruzzetto, John Pinder, Al Porter, Jim Raffa, John D. Reilly, Mike Renzulli, Elizabeth Robertson, Sy Sackler, Ava Schutzman, Mark Silverberg, Liz Thibeault, Won White, TJ Whitelaw

New Members: Lori Dreher, Barrie Hunter, Sonny (Ralph) Provencher, Lori Gardner Wyman

Welcome to all - we hope to see and hear you at our events this year.

Sad News Department: [Link to our Memorials page](#) for obituary summaries for our member Dave Starratt, and for ex-Digital employees John Mucci and Bob Hynes.

Website Updates

- We added several members to our Member Business Directory. Be sure to take advantage of this benefit!
www.deconnection.org/MemberBusinesses.htm Paid-up members can just



send your info to webmaster@deconnection.org.

- If you are a member you are entitled to join our Linked In DECconnectionGroup (no additional charge). Request from within LinkedIn to be added or email webmaster.