March 2010 DEC Connection News-at-a-Glance

Events for 2010

1. SAVE THE DATE! Plans are underway for our premier social event for the year, a cookout and tour of the Mill in Maynard. September 11, 2010 - a Saturday, probably late afternoon/early evening timeframe.

2. Buy your tickets now for 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.deconnexion.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. Member-Helping-Member Job-Finding and Business-Generating Concalls avail in April-May-June!

   Our second series of concalls to help our members... With a difficult economy and layoffs still occurring, many members are back in the job market, and some are looking for ways to re-enter it. Thanks to our panel of speakers for their advice and sharing their expertise.

   April 29, 2010 Speaker: Sharon A. Wulf
   - Topic: Seven Tips for Powerful Networking
   - Time: 6-7 PM, East Coast time

   May 27, 2010 Speaker: Bill Costello, Master Sergeant USAF ANG 171
   - Topic: Helping Small Businesses Sell to the Federal Government
   - Time: 6-7 PM, East Coast time

   June 17, 2010 Speaker: Sara Alvarado
   - Topic: Where are the Positions?
   - Time: 6-7 PM, East Coast time

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE CONCALLS:

1. You must be a paid-up member to participate in the concall - dues are only $10/year - join online at http://www.deconnexion.org/join.htm
2. Send an email with your name, preferred e-mail address, and telephone number to 
webmaster@decconnection.org to register, with Subject:
CONCALL REGISTRATION. In body of email, write the Month-SpeakerNames of the concalls you want to dial into, and any questions you want addressed during or following the session.
For example, if you want to sign up for the April and June calls, please write April-Sharon Wulf and June-Sara Alvarado so we'll be sure to register you for the correct calls. (May-Bill Costello).
If you want to register for all 3 calls - say ALL 3.
3. After we've received your registration, you will be sent the 
Concall access information. You must dial into the conferencing number - it is not a toll-free number so arrange to use a free or low-cost phone line ahead of time. We will send all questions provided ahead of time to our speakers. We will also send you a pdf file of the speakers' slides and recordings will be available afterwards.

4. Cecily MacArthur, LifeCoach and consultant (who gave last year's Member-Helping-Member concall How to Stay Positive During Challenging Times), is offering a free 10-week teleconference workshop to a few select participants. It is a mastermind group of 8-10 entrepreneurs and small business owners, designed as a book study of Napoleon Hill's book Think and Grow Rich. If you are serious about embarking on a self-improvement program to increase your success as a potential entrepreneur, please do sign up for one of these 8-10 slots.
You must:

- Have a serious desire to increase your success as an entrepreneur
- Be committed to be prepared for each of the 10 calls (reading the corresponding chapter and completing the discussion worksheet)
- Have an open mind and enjoy sharing and learning new ideas in a group

If you want to be considered for this program, email Cecily MacArthur at cecily@coachcecy.com and mention that you are a DECconnection member.

5. Colorado Springs 8th Annual Reunion is Friday, April 23, 2010, 5-9 PM Mountain time at the Paragon Royal Ballroom, Colorado Springs, CO 80907(Exit 145 –North/East corner I-25 and Fillmore). $5 cover charge, cash bar, food menu available; Memory Area: bring memorabilia, pictures, etc. to display or give away. RSVP to Theresa Cordova – TMcordova@comcast.net - include guest name with RSVP; Contact Lorrie Marzulla for add'l. information (roge@pcisys.net).

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

- Betsy Beach and Bob Simmons hosted a Management Sciences reunion picnic in August 2009. Betsy is looking for a channel marketing position northwest of Boston. She can be reached at eab52@cornell.edu. Check out her LinkedIn profile at www.linkedin.com/in/betsybeach
- Lynn Beckner joined DEC in 1982, survived the big mergers and still works for HP today as a Program Manager within the Enterprise Business group. She has seen a multitude of changes and buzzwords in 28 years. She raised 4 kids while working and DEC/Compaq/HP and is looking forward to the birth of her first Grandchild in June 2010. Lynn.Beckner@hp.com
- Diane Brown: I am a Director of Human Resources looking for new opportunities in emerging markets. I was most recently the Dir of HR for Soapstone Networks (formerly known as Avici Systems) in Boston area. I reside in Chelmsford, MA and look forward to connecting with some of my former Apollo/HP alumni. dianebrown@dhbconsulting.com
Pat Fessler: I left Digital/Compaq in 1996. I am now semi-retired and work temp jobs on occasion. Last year I donated a Rainbow Computer to Gordon College and the Ken Olsen Science Center. I was so happy that I could donate the computer for a great cause. pfess@verizon.net

Ed Lengyel and wife Carole are now retired and living in Salem, South Carolina. They live near Clemson U. in a golf and lake community in the beautiful foothills of east's tallest mountains, and enjoy hiking, golfing, boating, the theater, and being close to their children and grandchildren. ed.lengyel@gmail.com

Lois Levick: A satellite office for SOAR 55 (Service Opportunities After Reaching 55) was launched January 20th to give folks in the greater MetroWest area easier access to the organization. I will be running the office at the Framingham Public Library, 49 Lincoln Street and am excited by the enthusiastic response! More about SOAR 55 can be learned at: www.soar-ma.org My contact information is: levick@minlib.net and 508-532-5570 ext. 4353.

Alessandro Peruzzetto - Today I bought this car Jeep Ford GPW 1943 (photo at right), for me represents the most successful weapon to free Europe, I am proud of it. Last summer I visited Arlington Cemetery with my nephew have a look http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4yLDe5lSwM Ciao, Alessandro aperuzzetto@libero.it

Al C. Porter has served his town for the last 7 years as Editor and Publisher of the Ashland Directions, providing town news from Sept-June. Al, a former Technical Consultant with Digital/Compaq/Hewlett-Packard, is not only editor and publisher (still volunteering), but also the salesman for advertising and billing clerk (so he can pay for the printing and postage) of the Ashland Directions and is having a great time! alcporter@verizon.net

John D. Reilly is actively engaged supporting firms in a collaborative environment supporting new business development, mediating risk and empowering growth for clients within the Aerospace community. Business is thriving with many new and follow-on DOD and Federal follow programs coming on-line in 2010. jdreilly@JDRA.com

More NewsBytes are in the queue for next month! Keep 'em coming!

Membership Updates - welcome to our new and renewing members since last e-news in Feb:


New Members: Betsy Beach, Diane Brown, Tom Collentine, Ivan Harris, Terry Hendrix, George Samuelson, and Ellen Seltzer

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 Mickey Saegesser of Muncie IN, who passed away in Sept. 2009.

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 DEConnectionGroup (no additional charge). Request from within LinkedIn to be added email webmaster.
HP Retiree Connection

Questions and offers from Jill Sweeney, Program Manager for the HP Retiree Group:

1. Discount store for HP Alumni:  
   http://www.hpdirect.com/employee/hpalumni

2. DEC retirees can sign up to receive HP retiree program information from HP; go here:  
   If prompted, username=hpway; password=toplay

3. Join the HP Retiree Community on Facebook:  
   www.facebook.com/hpretiree

4. We want to hear from you about community involvement!  
The spirit of giving is alive and well within our retiree community and we want to know more about how you volunteer. Please take a moment to complete this short survey using the link below. This information is vital as we work on enhancing our programs focused on social innovation, specifically retiree volunteerism opportunities. Please respond by March 31, 2010. Many thanks!


Last Chance to Sign up to Tour Northern Italy with DEC Connection friends in May!  

don't delay...

More Info... Register/inquire Here
Contact Nancy Kilty, Board Member, is our contact/tour organizer.