March 2012 DEC Connection News-at-a-Glance

Reminder: a Member-Helping-Member Concall

Rita Foley will conduct a member-helping-member concall based on her book and workshops "Reboot Your Life: Energize Your Career & Life by Taking a Break".

Reboot Your Life seminar

Rita Foley, DEC 1982-1999, professional board director and former President of MeadWestvaco Consumer Packaging, and a co-author of Reboot Your Life. Energize your Career and Life by Taking a Break, will help us take a step back to better know what is important to us and to identify what we need to live more rewarding and successful lives. You'll hear why so many people are taking a break -- a sabbatical -- from work to find their passion. Great for pre-retirement planning too.

This concall will be held on Wednesday evening, April 4, from 6 - 7 PM EDT.

This conference is free to our paid-up members (others who wish to attend are welcome to join ahead of the concall at www.decconnection.org/join.htm). Dial in to expand your horizons and get new ideas!

To REGISTER: Send email to webmaster@decconnection.org. You will receive an acknowledgment email with instructions for the concall. If you are not a paid-up member please join or renew before you register.

Rita is our current Featured Entrepreneur and you can read a bit more about her expertise on our website at this link.

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.

- **2012 Maynard Area Event** - we could use some more musicians or singers to entertain at a Maynard-Area event - if you can contribute, send us an Email at: webmaster@decconnection.org

Update on Digital_Man/Digital_World PBS Documentary

The KO/Digital documentary premiered on PBS station WFYI in Indianapolis in February, and will be rolled out to affiliated PBS stations during June.

A number of pre-release DVDs are available by emailing Dan Tymann, VP of Gordon College at dan.tymann@gordon.edu. Those who wish can make a contribution to the college at this link: https://www.gordon.edu/kenolsengift
DEC Connection Membership News:

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Renewing Members: Jack Burness, Agnes Connors, Janice Frampton, Sally Hering, Fred Kulas, Helen Lenart, Tom McKinney, Deanna Michaelson, Charlie Moeder, James S. Montague Sr., Jack Pinder, Van Smick, Richard Stahli

New Members: Clement Cole, Charlotte Cocke Conley, Ed Manning, Bill Schaepe, Julie Yozamp

Washington, D.C. (DC, MD, VA, WV) DECconnection chapter? If you're interested please email new member Charlotte Cocke Conley at charlotteconley@gmail.com who will organize. She will acknowledge your email within a week. 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

About DEC Connection Local Chapters
Many of you might not realize that our local chapters are started by member volunteers. If you are interested in meeting other ex-DECcies nearby, consider calling an informal meeting at the local library or pub to see if there is sufficient interest - it doesn't have to be ambitious; an occasional meeting is fun, and you might meet new friends who share your values. Members can generate lists of other members by geographic area using the Member Service Center - use the 3-digit zip search. Email webmaster@decconnection.org for help.

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

- From Mary Ellen Kennedy: I'm currently working as a network technician in Hudson, MA at the old DEC HLO building. maryellen.kennedy@gmail.com
- William Cox writes: I left DEC in 1995 (just before my group was sold to Oracle) to join Sybase. I am still at Sybase, which was recently purchased by SAP. whcox53@gmail.com
- Bob Trocchi writes: Now into 18 yrs of retirement from DEC. Where has that time gone? Still active in volunteer work for church and driving people to Dr. visits who cannot drive themselves. Have a vacation house in Lakeland FL., and generally spend Feb.-mid April in FL. Thanks for the continuing efforts of DEC Connection. Cheers to all. bob@bobtrocchi.com
- Beryl Sachs writes: When Jean and I got married in 1973 and I joined DEC, we moved from our homes in Baltimore MD to North Carolina. After moving again to Upstate NY and then to Hopkinton, MA, we finally came back to Baltimore in 2010. Nice being back! b.sachs@verizon.net
- From John E. Beirne: Nothing to report other than I'm happily (very) retired. beirne@comcast.net
- From Lucille Gilchrest: We are enjoying our winters in Puerto Rico; volunteer @ Children's shelter on the island; enjoy life on the lake in
Maine May thru November; volunteer on several committees to benefit lake clean-up; 3 girls/6 grandkids are our treasures. rgilchrest@roadrunner.com

- **Nick Barletta** writes: I am a Rockport Rotarian and attend weekly meetings, listen to Celtic and Patriot games, a member of Town Committees, enjoy working in my yard and the outdoors, visit the local coffee shop., try to keep up with local news, enjoy my family.
nbarletta@comcast.net

- From **Clifford Fuller**: Currently retired in Milford. Working at DEC was MUCH better. A note to members: If you live on or near Cape Cod, the Cape Cod Surftones have rehearsals each Monday evening at 7:30 in the Unitarian Church on route 6A in Barnstable. They love to have visitors and also are looking for new Chorus members. Barbershop style singing. I live a little too far away to attend myself, but ENJOY.
cfuller49@msn.com

- From **Dave Levy**: Currently working as Technology Coordinator at the Pilgrim Area Collaborative in Pembroke MA. [http://www.pilgrimac.org](http://www.pilgrimac.org). david.alan.levy@gmail.com My volunteer job is bookkeeper for the Brookwood Community Farm in Milton MA. [http://www.brookwoodcommunityfarm](http://www.brookwoodcommunityfarm)

- **Dennis McMann** is currently serving as Assistant District Governor 2011-2014 for Rotary Club of Hollis-Brookline NH drmcmann@tds.net

- From **Michalene Kosinski**: In 2002 I bought a huge old Grain Mill building in the sleepy little town of Greenville, New Hampshire, ten minutes from the Massachusetts border, and opened Antiques And Collectibles Mall of New England. We buy, sell and consign items from coins and jewelry to antique furniture and books, glass and pottery, military, hunting and fishing, tools, ephemera and more. For hours, directions & more go to www.AntiquesAndCollectiblesMall.com manager@antiquesandcollectiblesmall.com

- **Marce Enright**, at 76 1/2, is still encouraging people to get out and support Traditional/Dixieland Jazz anywhere in their neighborhood, or the world! If you're visiting New England, you'll find them on her calendar, updated daily, at [www.nejazz.com](http://www.nejazz.com)

- From **Bob Jack**: I am still very active as a SCORE counselor for small business. My wife, Betty, and I will be celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary this August. We are about to leave for two months in Arizona. bobwjack@comcast.net

- **William DeSimone** writes: I am semi-retired and work part time providing marketing services on a contractual basis. wadsystems@comcast.net

- **Roland Hughes** has recently released an EPUB version of “The Minimum You Need to Know to Be an OpenVMS Application Developer” which is available on both Sony and Barnes & Nobel Web sites. He is releasing two Qt focused titles in EPUB format during Q1 2012 “The Minimum You Need to Know About Qt and Databases” along with “The Minimum You Need to Know About Mono and Qt”. He is also a technology blogger for Motley Fool so if you have OpenVMS news which can be directly tied to a stock symbol please pass it along. “Selected” blog posts are syndicated throughout “the Foolish Family” of sites so if you want to see OpenVMS mentioned far and wide again, pass along the info and visit the site to see how many times OpenVMS has been mentioned already. roland@logikalsolutions.com

- From **Richard Stahli**: After “retiring” from HP in 2002, I took a second “retirement” from Air Liquide in 2011. In November 2011, I joined Insperity, where I’m providing HR consulting and support to mid size (150 – 1000 employees) clients. Richard.Stahli@insperity.com
• **William Slater** writes to please visit his website for a professional update at [http://billslater.com/career](http://billslater.com/career). He is doing contract software consulting, and lives in Chicago area. bill@billslater.com

• **Lois Levick**: Traveled to New Orleans with other UMass alumni to help Katrina victims with reconstruction work. Run a satellite office for SOAR 55 to place retired and unemployed folks 55 and over in not-for-profit volunteer positions. blisslevick@earthlink.net

• **Mary Cozma** says please contact her for network products --in most cases I can get DEC alumni special pricing. I am a Strategic Account Manager and focused on Business Development. I can be reached at 724-873-6557 (office) or 412-656-9005 (cell). [WWW.BlackBox.com](http://www.blackbox.com) for our website. Check out the cold front datacenter cabinet door that saves approx 50% of energy costs to cool the datacenter. Mary.Cozma@blackbox.com

• From **Bob Brownson**: After working for 57 years I have ceased the monthly commute to Asia and have started doing some different activities around locally. If there are any hikers out there you may be interested in my website, www.wander-stock.com I craft canes, walking and hiking sticks. I am also doing volunteer work as well as enjoying travel that is not so geared to a business timetable. bobbrownson@gmail.com

• **Ruth Armknecht** writes: Have started to spend the winter with my daughter Beth, also an ex-Dec, in Atlanta. She said her friends call me a “college student” : I leave on a trip, come back to do laundry, then leave again...this year it has been Antarctica, Easter Island, Costa Rica, Panama, and London is coming up in March. rarmkn9561@aol.com

### Sad News Department:

We are sad to report the recent deaths of ex-Digital employees:

- 15 March, Shirley Ann Spaid, Colorado Springs
- 7 March, Keith R. Norman, Colorado Springs
- 2 February, Roger L. Towne, Acton, Educational services

[Details on the Memorials page](#)

### Website Updates:

- **Links page**: We added a section called Volunteer activities - if you have an organization you’d like to post, email webmaster@deconnection.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](#) to enjoy the ones...
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.

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 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@decconnection.org.