



DECconnection

A professional association for networking organizations for former Digital Equipment Corporation employees

January-February 2019

Events

UPCOMING:

- Phoenix AZ group semi-annual lunch: Sat., April 6, 2019, noon, at Santisi Brothers Pizza. Info: galendavis@aol.com
- Colorado Springs: Thursday evening, April 25, 2019 Info: Lorrie Marzulla, lmarzulla@comcast.net
- [See the upcoming performances of the Compaq Big Band in New England](#)

Digital and the Industry

- A new website lookup: [Directory of Location and DTN Codes from July 1988](#). We'll name the person who worked at the most locations (please send your name with list) among those submitted to info@deconnection.org.
- Lost & Found: Mark Sebern would like to contact Lou Klotz, with whom he worked in Maynard in the 1970s. Please refer Lou to mark@sebern.com if you can. Thanks!
- Art Prangley is trying to help a friend and former DEC customer try and locate the floppy version of Dungeons for a PDP-11 he is rebuilding. If you can help please contact Art at artp@sbcglobal.net. Thanks!

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during December and January: Phil Barbonis (The Netherlands), Hal Berenson (CO), Tom Campbell (MA), Sandy Cooper (FL), Jim Damron (FL), Dave Denniston (CA), Ralph Dieter (MA), Paul Gavin (CO), Dave Goodwin (UK), Dick Helliwell (NV), Bob Lane (NY), Lois Levick (MA), Gerry McKenna (MA), Jack Mileski (MA), Lorna Oinonen (RI), Janna Rhodes (IN), Mark Sebern (WI), Ed Soomre (MA), George Stobie (MD), Joe Supple (MA), Ken Vonasek (MA), Phil Viscomi (CT), and Joe Zeigler (FL).



Please RENEW your membership if you're due - members check the Member Service Center (instructions below). Other readers, if you are enjoying our e-newsletters please consider joining 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@deconnection.org for help.

* You can also join us (or renew) at [Join the DEC Connection online!](#)

* You can send personal checks made out to DEC Connection to Nancy Kilty, 33 Forest St. Unit 416, Lexington MA 02421.

* If you prefer to use your PayPal account directly (not via our website), use our payment address: registrations@deconnection.org - do NOT use any Board member's personal email address.

Member Newsbytes: please send yours to info@deconnection.org - 2-3 lines telling members about your activities since Digital. We like to hear from you!

■ From new member **Jim Damron**: I'm retired and live with my wife in The Villages, FL. My last job was as the Director of IT for the City of Trenton, NJ.
jdamron1011@hotmail.com

■ Member **Dave Goodwin** from England writes: After leaving DEC/Compaq/HP I took an IT job at the UK Ministry of Justice, supposedly for six months but lasted six years. During that period I enrolled on a Doctorate at the University of Amsterdam and received my Doctorate a couple of years ago. My topic was an investigation of the impact of Creative Destruction on DEC. I have been happily retired now for 8 years. dave.goodwin@gmail.com [Ed note: Dave's paper "DEC: [The mistakes that led to its downfall](#)" is published on our website [here](#).]

■ Member **Lois Levick** writes: I just returned from a two week Global Volunteers service program at Sagrada Familia in Ventanilla, Peru, and wanted to share my experience with other folks from DEC. The facility serves as a residence for 600 abused and abandoned children and young adults as well as providing education and health care for up to 1300 community members. Our team of seven was the third to serve there and it was evident from the many hugs received how much we were appreciated. I was especially taken by the respect, curiosity and kindness shown by the children. I was concerned, however, with some of the beliefs that were expressed by one of the older teenagers who had been taught anti-American myths outside of the community. Interacting in a positive, open and constructive manner hopefully helped to dispel such beliefs. All questions were answered. I found the program both challenging and rewarding. loisblevick@gmail.com

Sad News Department

Sadly, we were told of these deaths of former Digital employees since last newsletter. Our condolences go out to friends and families of:

- John Sherwood Brown, 76, Glebe, NSW, Australia, 25 Jan 2019
- (Jeff) David Higgins, Omaha NE, 24 Jan 2019
- Mary Riffelmacher, 72, Colorado Springs, 6 Jan 2019
- Joseph Cosgrove, 82, North Falmouth MA, 4 Jan 2019
- Robert Browne, 84, Colorado Springs, 26 Dec 2018
- Del Lippert, 76, Cobden ON, 11 Dec 2018
- Charlie Hall, 65, Colorado Springs, 11 Dec 2018
- Arlene Gibson, 89, Ayer MA, 17 Nov 2018
- Brian McCarthy, 64, Nashua NH, 4 Nov 2018
- Peter Smith, 73, Chatham MA, 13 Aug 2018
- Nat Symes Jr., 77, Las Vegas NV, 10 Apr 2018
- Royston C. Preece, Reading MA, 14 Apr 2008

[Details are on our Memorial Page.](#)

Website Features and Updates

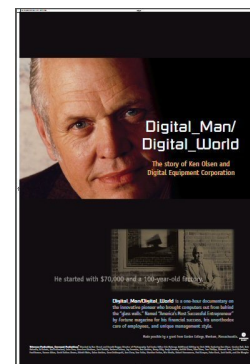
■ [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)

■ 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, 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 info@deconnection.org. [Click on this link.](#)

■ **Featured Member Entrepreneur** - Email info@deconnection.org with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.

■ If you need info about your **Digital defined benefit plan/retirement**, start by calling the HP Retirement Services Center at Fidelity: 1- 800-457-4015

■ For **Stock plan** info, try Morgan Stanley: 1-210-677-3652 or [this website](#)

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