



# DECconnection

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

## January-February 2024

### Events

UPCOMING: Send your events in to [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org) to promote.

- 28 April 2024, 5-9 pm in Stow MA - Management Sciences - contact Carol Ehrlich at 978-779-5439 or [ce35@cornell.edu](mailto:ce35@cornell.edu).

\*Sunday 23 June 2024, 1 pm in Worcester MA - summer WooSox game (this is the week after Father's Day) - they upgraded us this year to the Triple Decker Garden - Thanks to Anker Berg-Sonne for this treat! Tickets won't go on sale until perhaps early April.



DEC Connection Zoom: The December talk by our UK friends and partners was exciting and fascinating! Listen to the recording on the [Zoom page](#).

We're now looking to schedule new Tech Talks or Corporate Talks. Speakers worldwide are welcome! To volunteer to deliver a DEC Tech Talk or Corporate Talk, please email [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org) with your name and a bit about your Digital background and what you'd like to present. We will get back to you.

## DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during December and January: Joanne Andrews (MA), Mary Snyder Arena (MA), Ernie Bauer (NC), Margaret Britt (FL), Gail Callahan (NH), Larry Cohen (MA), Gene Cronin (NC), Scott Dixon (GA), Susan Grandpierre (FL), Richard Helliwell (NV), Don Houle (NH), Max Mayer (NH), Eleanor McCarthy (MA), Sandra Morse-Druhan (MA), Joe O'Leary (MA), Frank Pascucci (CT), Jim Raffa (MA), Pekka Roine (Finland), and Rini Sofka (MA).



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](mailto: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](mailto:registrations@deconnection.org) - do NOT use any Board member's personal email address.

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## **DEC Connection Member NewsBytes**

▪ **Terry Melle** writes: Just a note to tell you how much I enjoy your newsletter. I joined DEC on the recommendation of a man I had worked with in Europe and he said words to the effect of “When you come back stateside, come and check this cool new company out”. I did, was hired in 1970 and enjoyed a wonderful and sometimes tumultuous career. DEC gets the “Best Company I Ever Worked For” award.

Terry Melle, NH melleman911@gmail.com

▪ **Dick Stahli** writes: Retired March 2020. Living half the year in the UK and half on the Florida Gulf Coast. richardstahli@hotmail.com

▪ New member **Gail Callahan** writes: Gail started with DEC in late 1977 when her husband moved up to Nashua to work for Stan Olsen (Jan. 1977). Gail first started working at CSS until 1979 and then went to work at TIG. She was the first Woman manager in this department until 1981 when she went into Sales in Boston. When she left in late 1985 she was #1 in the Region for Sales in the Financial District. Gail had received her MBA from Rivier, and a Paralegal degree from Rivier also. She is still married to Tim, with 2 children and 2 grandchildren. She has worked in Real Estate since 2012 and has every year been a Multi-Million \$ winner for Keller Williams up in the Lakes Region, NH. She enjoys boating, golfing, spending time with her grandchildren and traveling. gecallahan@gmail.com

▪ Special member **Rini Sofka** of Maynard, who is 97 years old and has beautiful handwriting, just renewed her membership for 3 years. She will be our first 100-year old member! Thanks for your support Rini!

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## Sad News Department

Sadly, we were informed of these deaths of former Digital employees since last newsletter. The still-recent November loss of Jack Shields, who was our last remaining senior exec vp, evoked special memories for many. Now, our condolences go out to friends and families of:

\* Dick (Richard F.) King, 89, Maynard MA, 12 December 2023

\* George Nickerson, 81, 28 November 2023

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

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## Website Features and Updates

▪ **MAJOR UPGRADE OF WEBSITE unveiled in July 2023 uses a convenient drop-down menu.** Send your suggestions to [info@deconnection.org](mailto:info@deconnection.org), and any content to [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org).

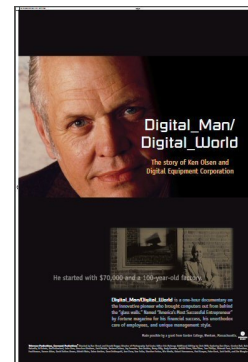
▪ **Use your MEMBER SERVICE CENTER!** Use the Member Login menu under About Us if you have paid dues since 2010. There are queries to find members in your area, and forms to submit to update your profile, send your news, DEC stories, etc. You can check your dues status and renew your membership online. You can email a small photo for your profile, and contribute articles to Our DEC Stories, Member Publicity, or Members In Print.

▪ The PBS video of the documentary about Ken and the history of DEC, **Digital\_Man/Digital\_World**, is available online at

[Digital Man/Digital World](#)

It's a wonderful hour-long nostalgia trip. Enjoy!

▪ Another URL to watch same documentary on your computer is: <http://video.wfyi.org/video/2282149336/>



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## HELP WITH RETIREE BENEFITS

- 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.
- You can contact the Prudential Pension Dept. at 1-877-778-2100 if your pension has been transferred there.
- For **Stock plan** info, try Morgan Stanley: 1-210-677-3652 or [this website](#)
- [Go to the HPAA website DEC page!](#) Don't miss all this useful information.

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