



DECconnection

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

March-April 2021

Events

2021 Events

Plans are still baking folks! Hoping something will pop in the Fall for Maynard 150th but working on something else for summer. Of course we've been impacted by pandemic restrictions, so will only resume if we can do it safely.

Digital and the Industry

- Jerry Bernath sent this treat from January 28, 1994: [Digital Glimpse of the Future](#)
- Karen Hamilton writes: The Oct. 29 issue of the Maynard Beacon had an article with many photos of the Mill Curfew Bell being removed from the steeple of the Mission Evangelical Congregational Church. The bell was given to the church in 1935 and the historic society asked for it for the susquetennial (150th) celebration.

Lost and Found

- Brenda Bloomgren is looking for Colleen Keith, who worked at Digital Equipment, Maynard and then Bedford MA in Educational Services, 'Personnel' (Human Resources). Colleen worked for Jack Landers who reported to Dick Walsh. Years 1978 to 1984. She moved to California late 1980s so left the company then. I last saw her for lunch 1986. bleda422@gmail.com
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DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during February and March: Ned Berube (MA), Steve Brewton (OK), Robin Dayne (NV), Judy and Pete Durant (FL), Kim Foster (CA), Toby Greim (NH), Ira Grollman (NH), Andy Hail (RI), Don Holden (NH), Vartkes Hovsepian (MA), Ellie McCarthy (MA), Nancy Mongelli (MA), Jack Moore (MA), Rini Sofka (MA) and Rafael Vidal (PR).



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 your personal news updates to info@deconnection.org. We need your participation to provide an interesting and relevant newsletter for our readers. Thank you!

▪ **Alan Earls**, a contractor in the ASAP co-marketing program at Marlboro in the 1990s, has just co-authored (with Dr. Bob Krim at Framingham State) a new book, *Boston Made: From Revolution to Robotics, Innovations that Changed the World*. available online and at local bookstores. The book covers 400 years of "innovation culture" and includes the story of core memory, invented by Ken Olsen mentor, Jay Forrester (also a DEC boardmember) in the early 1950s. Earls previously wrote *Digital Equipment Corporation* and *Route 128 and the Birth of the Age of High Tech* for Arcadia Publishing. More information is available at www.BostonMadeBook.com. alan.earls@post.harvard.edu

▪ **Ray Iannuzzelli** started with DEC in Module Manufacturing in Salem, NH. During his 18 years with DEC, Compaq, and HP, Ray worked in Manufacturing & Design Engineering developing methods to design-in reliability before products reach Manufacturing. Today, Ray lives in Pennsylvania (near

Philadelphia) enjoys attending school at the University of Delaware for 55+ adults, singing (now virtually), and the never-ending effort of staying healthy. riannuzzelli@gmail.com

▪ **Maria Bonsavage** writes in: In September of this year I will celebrate 40 years of living in Georgia after moving from MA. In April I will celebrate 8 years of retirement. Up until the COVID pandemic I enjoyed lots of travel and activities in the 55+ condo complex where I live about 45 miles outside of Atlanta. maria@bonsavage.com

▪ **Kim Foster** writes: After graduating from NH Technical Institute joined Digital Equipment Corporation; worked in manufacturing, Corporate Support and Western Region Support for 34 years – had a great time – traveled the world and the country. Worked for TSA (Transportation Security Administration) for eleven years as a lead officer at San Jose International Airport – met lots of great people. Retired at 66. Life is Good! fosterklf@yahoo.com

▪ **Anker Berg-Sonne** writes: Since Kirsten and I discovered that used Porsche Boxsters from the early 2000s are relatively inexpensive and bought one, I have gotten into cars in a big way. We bought another Boxster 2 years later so we could have a his and hers and a year ago I bought a Caterham/Lotus 7. I am very active in the Porsche Club of America and have been on the regional board now for over 3 years. I have also joined several Lotus 7 clubs and participate in lots of activities in all of them. My latest hobby is Sim Racing where you sit at home in a racing seat with a steering wheel and pedals wearing a virtual reality headset racing against other fans also sitting in their homes. It is a hoot and as exciting as real racing, but a lot cheaper and a lot less risky to wallet, limb, and life! And yes, with the pandemic, we miss traveling very much. We hope to take one of the Porsches up to the top of Newfoundland this summer. bostonsearover@gmail.com

▪ DEC retiree **Judy Durant** (Judy@JudyDurant.com) is a Realtor in Bradenton Florida, finding snowbird and retirement homes in the Sarasota-Bradenton area. She has 24 years of experience and all the tools to find anything from entry level condos to houses. Check out her website (www.judydurant.com) to see the area and what kinds of properties are there.

▪ Frank Ignachuck writes: This isn't really a newsbyte but I wanted you to know that I just bought a couple of t shirts from DECswag. One says "Digital- you had to be there" and the other has a picture of the Mill Clock and says "Not your run of the Mill Company" They both have the correct blue "digital" logo. They look great. Can't wait to wear them around downtown Maynard! www.DECswag.com (Ed: we're waiting for Frank's picture in his new duds.)

NOTE TO OUR READERS: Please do not be concerned if, when clicking on a link in this email, your browser or antivirus program tells you that you are attempting to visit a dangerous or unsafe web address. Many browsers now flag any site without an SSL certificate (i.e., encryption) as unsafe (it's not). When you purchase tickets through our website, we transfer you to the PayPal website, which DOES use SSL encryption software.

Sad News Department

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

Phyllis M. DeAngelo, 84, Colorado Springs, 26 Feb 2021

Frank P. Brown, 74, Amherst NH, 30 Jan 2021

Octavio Diaz, 72, Stow MA, 30 Jan 2021

Kevin J. Sullivan, 79, Palo Alto CA, 28 Jan 2021

Bill Clark, 78, Chelmsford MA, 20 Jan 2021

Ellen Simarano, 80, Concord MA, 7 Jan 2021

George Newton, 80, Framingham MA, 5 Jan 2021

Susan C. George, 70, Riviera Beach FL, 2 Jan 2021

Howard A. Mayberry, 70, Cambridge MA, 28 Dec 2020

Ellie Gadomski, 92, Leominster MA, 20 Dec 2020

Frans Vandermolten, Sebring, FL, July 19, 2020

Charlie Scheid, 60, Glastonbury CT, 4 Nov 2019

Helen Kryseniel, 87, Acton MA, 11 Mar 2019

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

Website Features and Updates

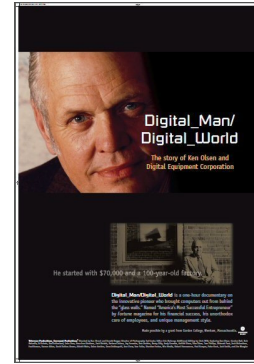
- **Topics of Interest** tab: We've added a button on the left-hand menu that takes you to articles that have appeared in past newsletters. Here are some sample topics: Medicare Seminar & Research - 6/20; AON Exchange Feedback from retirees - 10/18; Harvard Business School's Baker Library (Ken Olsen Collection); and, David Mark's series of 11 articles on Digital - 11/19-3/20
- [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 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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- **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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