



May-June 2023

Events

Summer Get-Together at Kimball Farms in Westford MA

We will be holding a Kimball Farm (400 Littleton Rd. Westford MA) get-together on Friday, August 4 from 3-6 pm.



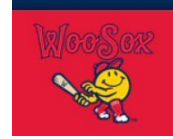
IMPORTANT: Meeting place will be in one of the 3 or 4 (free) public tents with picnic tables, just inside by food stand and behind the silo in the photo - NOT in the (expensive) corporate area for private parties. You must look for our group - we'll have at least one DECconnection table sign.

Lots of fun to be had for everyone with games, rides, food, drinks and of course their famous ice cream. You can see what Kimball's offers by visiting their website at <http://kimballfarm.com/>.

DECconnection will provide \$15 gifts for all paid-up registered members, which can be spent on anything that takes your fancy (food, drinks, rides, games, ice cream, etc.) Non-members/guests are welcome to join us, but will not receive \$15. You pay for your own rides, golf, ice cream, food, etc. otherwise.

To sign up (no advance tickets required, but we'd appreciate knowing if you plan to attend so we can stake out several tables together and bring enough \$15 gifts) please email info@deconnection.org with your names and email addresses. In the event of rain, outing will be postponed until Friday, August 25. We'll announce a postponement on our website home page.

The DEC Connection BBQ and WooSox baseball game is now closed, but 57 DEC Connection members, families and friends will enjoy the proceedings on June 11.



If you are coming to the game, please bring any Digital memorabilia you no longer wish to keep and we'll have another free raffle.



Calgary, Alberta, Canada: Dave Boone sent a nice photo with this note - here is a photo of our group at lunch today. We meet for lunch the first Friday of each month. Turnout varies from as few as 5 to as many as 20. The distribution list is 32 people. We started more than 25 years ago with a group of about 6 people all of whom worked in the DEC Calgary office in the early 70's. Our

numbers gradually increased and, lately, we have added quite a few. It is just a relaxing time to catch up with one another and hear news from others we haven't seen for a long time. We have lost a few to the grim reaper so we honour their memory, as well.

Pictured on June 2, from left around table:

John McAra, Blake Mather, Vivian Boone, David Boone, David Casper, Bob Gardiner, Graham Kinmond and Ola Juvkam-Wold.

[Click here for a larger photo on our website.](#)

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Tech Talks

Our Tech Talk with Digital veteran Tom Stockebrand was lots of fun... if you missed it, check out the recording! We thank Tom and Bob Anundson for their participation and preparation. We're working on the next one. Don't forget, volunteers and suggestions to info@deconnection.org!

Digital & The Industry



Brian Gunter, a former customer in South Carolina, would like to place a robust VAXstation2000 system:

VAXstation2000 with 2 TK50 tape components + CPU & VR160-VA/mouse (VSXXX-AA) w/keyboard (Lk201BA) has been stored enclosed boxes since

1992 with VMS 5.3 in good condition!

I was Senior CAD Analyst using this system to support MEDUSA Cad systems in the Southeastern region and I am looking to see if anyone could appreciate this system! It boots to login "admin", however, the keyboard doesn't respond due to the external connection (cable has been checked via multimeter and is good). It's too nice to be junked! "Best Offer" plus shipping cost. Contact him at cell 832-878-7732 or captamer@ymail.com.

Here's an interesting thought: Brian also asks whether anyone from the DEC community taken VMS & converted it to run on smartphones? He'd like someone to create a GUI & offer a more secure OS rather than iOS or Android! He enjoyed working on VMS systems & feels it would allow a more secure system!

DEC Connection Announcement: In Memory of Marilyn Goodrich



The DEC Connection regretfully announces the passing of one of our founding directors, Marilyn Goodrich, 89, Sudbury MA, on March 2nd. Marilyn worked for Digital for 20 years and retired after serving as the Event Planner for the Eastern States Sales Organization. In the mid-1990s, Marilyn became the Director of Chapter 1776, one of the chapters of the Digital Retiree Association [DRA]. She became a Board member in 1997. She also served three years on the BOD of the Hewlett-Packard Retiree group as a representative from Digital.

Marilyn continued to serve on the DRA Board. In 2006, the DRA was enhanced with a website and a new name, The DEC Connection. Marilyn was a major contributor to this effort and active in member outreach and retiree events. She remained on the Board until 2023. If not for Marilyn's 20-year commitment to the Digital Retiree Association, it is unlikely that the DECconnection organization would exist today. Marilyn will be greatly missed by the DECconnection Board and by the many lives she touched in her efforts to bring Digital retirees together.

In addition to her devotion to all things Digital, Marilyn had many hobbies: gardening, bike riding, Alpine skiing, playing guitar in a Scottish orchestra, singing in the Chapel Choir and Gospel Group at her church. She also enjoyed knitting, sewing, cooking, reading and history. And of course spending time with her two sons and extended family.

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during April and May:

Tom Austin (MA), Tom Barnett (NC), Greg Bassett (Switzerland), Jim Boice (MA), John Caulfield (SC), Art Clockedile (MA), Barbara (Basiliere) DeGuise (NH), Scott Dixon (GA), Ian Ferguson (QUE Canada), Bill Fischer (MA), Fred Gould (NH), Bob Graham (MA), Bob Hutnak (MA), Bill Keefe (NH), Larry Kennedy (FL), Peter Koch (FL), Cynthia McNeil (MA), Joanne Monaghan (MA), Jodi Newell (CA), Mikki Nikoloff (MA), Lori Noonan (NC), Kathleen Power (MA), Tom Rarich (MA), Kathy Robinson (MA), Rich Romano (NH), Rick Spitz (NH), and Dee Stewart (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 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.

DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

▪ **Tom Barnett** writes: Busy assisting my wife teaching online Reiki workshops. Also exploring our new home area of Asheville, NC after living in MA and NH and working at DEC/Compaq/HP for 32 years. tombarnettnh@gmail.com

▪ **Suresh Masand** writes: We love the Cape and our Active Adult Retirement Community, "Southport". ssmasand@gmail.com

▪ **George Woods** writes: We first moved to Ft. Myers in August 2021 to be with our son Steve due to my failing health. Jean and I love the Florida weather. Our son transferred to Ocala in February this year and we love the area. The many well-manicured horse farms that dot the landscape are beautiful. The residents are refreshingly polite and kind wherever we go in Ocala. I retired via the SERP offered at Digital, effective 31 May 1992. I worked as a tech. writer consultant in a small company ending in 1999. I worked at Digital first as a hardware tech. writer beginning in 1974. I wrote all early documentation for the LSI-11 including the first edition of the Microcomputer Handbook series. Later, I transferred to a software writing group for RSX-11M Plus. Later, I returned to the Mill as a supervisor in the Small Systems area as a supervisor and manager. I finished my time at Digital in Littleton as a writer/instructor for OS/2 networking products. george.woods@juno.com

▪ **Tom Barrett** writes: Happily retired. Volunteering as a CASA (Court Appointed

Special Advocate), advocating for the best interests of children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. Busy skiing, golfing, boating and playing pickleball. tombarrett800@gmail.com

▪ **Lori Hausmann Noonan** writes: I was 21 years old when I started at Digital in Burlington, VT in a brand new mfg plant. They recruited on my college campus in 1977 and I was absolutely thrilled to move there and start as a buyer for the production floor. Our team managed the transition of PDP11 production from Derry/Salem NH to VT. Ken Olsen was at my orientation in Burlington to see the new plant. My next job was in the Mill in Maynard and I branched out into new product introduction and then onto US Sales Operations, US Hi/Mid Range servers marketing/pricing and distribution. I even spent 2 years in the Altavista endeavor which was fascinating. The last 5 of my 26 years were focused on Servers in the US Market for Digital, Compaq and HP. I left HP in 2003 and moved into hospital administration until I retired. LoriNoonan@hotmail.com

▪ **Rich Romano** writes: I worked at DEC from 1980 to 1990 as a Principal Hardware Reliability Engineer. My last location, one of several, was in Marlborough. Without exception DEC was the best company I have ever worked at with the best people and the best culture. [Ed: Rich also reported, with great sadness, the tragic passing of his friend Judy A. Christensen of Berlin MA. Please see Memorial page for details.] romano.rich1@comcast.net

▪ **Bill Keefe** writes: Been retired for a number of years spending time in West Palm Beach and Venice, Florida. Primary residence in NH. bill.keefe@gmail.com

▪ **Kevin Hart** sent in a photo of his DEC Hockey League jacket! There's a special memory for lots of guys. We've added it to our online promotional museum on the website - [click here to view](#). Kevin says: I have this jacket from 1987. I was at DEC from 1977 to 1992. Lot of memories. Hartk8895@gmail.com

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:

* Judy Christensen, 79, Berlin MA, 14 April 2023

* Marilyn Goodrich, 89, Sudbury MA, 2 March 2023

* Richard G. Smith, 75, Upton MA, 12 February 2023

[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: Tech Talks; Digital Videos; 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

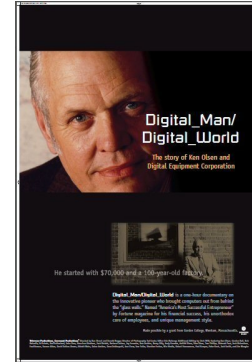
- [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)

- 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/>



- **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.](#)

- 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](#)

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