

## February 2016 News-at-a-Glance



### Events

The DEC Connection Board is planning events for 2016 in the greater Maynard MA area. Our first event will be:

#### **Shredding Party with Barbeque - Sponsored by Legacy Financial Advisors**

##### **Saturday, April 30th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Join us for music, food, drinks and good company while we safely destroy your confidential documents. Bring family and friends. Nancy Kilty, DEC Connection president, will host participants from The DEC Connection.

Please RSVP by email by Tuesday, April 26th to [ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org).  
(Please provide your name and name of guests, email and phone number.)

There is no fee for this event.

Sat., April 30, 2016  
10:00am - 2:00pm Eastern Standard Time  
Westborough Office Park  
1700 West Park Drive  
Patio  
Westborough, MA 01581

### Save the Date:

- Sat. 2 Apr 2016 - Semi-annual Phoenix AZ luncheon at Santisi's Sports Bar. [galendavis@aol.com](mailto:galendavis@aol.com)
  
- Fri. 22 Apr 2016 - Colorado Springs 14th Annual Reunion at the Academy Hotel - Info: Theresa Cordova [cosdecreunion@yahoo.com](mailto:cosdecreunion@yahoo.com)
  
- Sun. 5 June 2016 - Maynard area -Scottish Music and Dinner
  - The Strathspey & Reel Society will have the honor of helping the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA, celebrate their 300th Anniversary by presenting a concert in the big tent on the grounds of the Inn.
  - Time: 2:00 P.M.
  - Dinner optional before or after the concert.
  
- Sat. 15 Oct 2016 - The 30th anniversary of DDITC (Discover Digital in the Caribbean) will take place in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Contact Alex at [alexrsinger@yahoo.com](mailto:alexrsinger@yahoo.com)

Sally Hering reports that the group attending this week's Digital employee get-together in Naples FL enjoyed a nice evening sharing reminiscences, drinks and hors d'oeuvres, and some stayed for dinner at the M Grill Restaurant on the waterfront. Contact Sally if you would like to attend a future event.

sahering@msn.com, C: 954.646.2360.



Sally Hering

## DEC Connection Member News

### Important Update re: our e-newsletter Mailing List

During March the contact manager we have used since 2006 is being retired as a product. We are anticipating the arrival of Mr. Murphy in conjunction with the migration to a new application. If you do not receive our newsletter at the end of March, please come to our website at <http://www.deconnection.org> to re-register for our e-newsletter.

This change will *not* impact our website [Member Services Center](#).

**It's Renewal Time!** It's getting easier and easier to lose track of time. We're sending reminder emails to those of you who have paid dues since 2010, but your membership has expired at some point up to now. If you can renew, we'd appreciate your continued support. If you have not paid dues in the past but are enjoying our e-newsletters please consider joining for a year and sending in a brief update on your activities for our newsletter (members please send updates too). Thanks!

### Welcome to renewing and new DEC Connection members:

Curt Anderson (TX), Jim Boice (MA), Ron Brender (IN), Steve Clements (MA), Giorgio Corsi (France), Galen Davis (AZ), Tavo Diaz (MA), Royce Fuller (MA), Byron Garvey (TX), Jane Heaney (MA), Salvatore Infantino (FL), Bob Jack (MA), Ed Lengyel (SC), Frank Lombardi (NH), Bruce MacFadden (TX), Glen Macko (CT), Marie Mangus (MA), Maurice Marks (TX), Jack McCord (GA), Aline Migrants (MA), Lorna Oinonen (MA), Sonny (Ralph) Provencher (MA), Barbara Reichert (MA), Bill Seaver (MA), Ellen Simarano (MA), Chuck Steinhauser (MA), George Stobie (MD), and Bill Vaillancourt (CA).

## 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 join us (or renew) at [www.deconnection.org/join-online.htm](http://www.deconnection.org/join-online.htm)

You can also send a check to The DEC Connection, c/o Bob Moore, 28 Fernglade Rd., Burlington MA 01803. \$10 for 1 year, \$25 for 3 years. 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.

## DEC Connection Member NewsBytes: send yours to:

[ava@deconnection.org](mailto:ava@deconnection.org).

[See our NewsByte archive page.](#)

- Bob Brownson** writes that he is very busily retired, but missing the

action. :) bobbrownson@gmail.com

- Renewing DEC Connection member **Bill Seaver** writes: Almost 17 years after retiring (can it be that long?) I am finding my vacations are conflicting with my vacations. I spend about a third of the year away from my home in Concord, MA. I also have been practicing Tibetan Buddhism for the last 15 years. Life is good. billseaver@earthlink.net
- Renewing DEC Connection member **Ed Lengyel** writes: Carole and Ed Lengyel continue to enjoy golf and boating on Lake Keowee in the mountains of upper South Carolina. For now we are healthy and are getting caught up on our travel plans in both the US and overseas with cruises. Stop by! ed.lengyel@gmail.com
- From **Peter Koch**: The newsletter The Digital Alumni is in its 23rd year and I enjoy keeping the worldwide DEC community connected. I congratulate the DEC Connection for keeping the DEC community connected as well! pkoch@decalumni.com
- **Marce Enright** writes: 80 years old last June, I still maintain the New England Traditional Jazz web site at [www.nejazz.com](http://www.nejazz.com). Check it out! Happy Birthday, Marce! marce@nejazz.com

## A Request

- Norman Thornton wrote in to ask if anyone knows how to contact former Digital employee **John P. Smith** (not John F. Smith).  
John lived Fairfax Station, Virginia (Braided Mane Ct.) and was a DEC executive. His neighbor said he moved about a year ago, maybe to Massachusetts.  
I am Norman T. Thornton. John and I met through Mr. Dave Baker (also a former DEC exec) back in the late 90's. John will remember the **Contingency Authoring Tool** and the **Virtual Enlightenment Tool** (AI tools) I created for **Digital**. I am seeking him to verify I created those tools. If you know where this CAT and VET might be archived (it was featured in one of DEC's shows), this too would be helpful to know. Thank you,  
Norman (703) 441-1525 or norman@apromorphic.com

## Sad News Department

Sadly, we have some deaths of former Digital employees to report:

- Paul V. McGovern, 77, Ithaca NY on 20 Feb 2016. Paul was Digital's first helicopter pilot.
- Lupe Jimenez Porter, 89, Phoenix AZ, on 17 Feb 2016.
- Jean Neal, 86, North Chelmsford MA on 31 Jan 2016.
- Mike English, 54, Colorado Springs CO on 26 Jan 2016. Digital had sponsored Mike on the US Olympics shooting team.
- Details are on our [Memorial Page](#).

## Website Updates

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

- US - **Medicare webinar presentations and Q-and-A** now online: Medicare is much more complex than one would think... and there can be some expensive surprises. The presentations and Q-and-A from the HPAA Medicare webinar are now online. Both speakers are very experienced, succinct, and practical.  
<http://www.hpalumni.org/medicare>
  - Part 1 -- Medicare Explained -- with Heads Up Warnings, by non-profit health insurance counselor Connie Corrales.
  - Part 2 -- Medicare for HP Retirees, by Aon Retiree Health Exchange analyst David Rew.
  - Part 3 -- Q and A. Again thanks to Curt Gowan for this valuable advice.
- The independent Hewlett-Packard Alumni Association has a page on stock and options issues:  
<http://www.hpalumni.org/stock> (Membership not required)
- A handy list of health-related resources for "near-seniors" is on our [Links page](#).
- If you know someone who has been offered the HP U.S. Phased Retirement Program, please send them this link: <http://www.hpalumni.org/PRP>  
This independent site has advice and reference info from HP alumni who have gone through previous retirement/layoff cycles. We also have an email list for updated info and moderated discussions. Thanks to Curt Gowan for this info.
- Know someone who is leaving HP? Please pass the word to anyone leaving HP to use the HP Alumni Association's "ASAP Checklist" immediately. It has advice and mutual help -- developed by HPAA members -- on the many things you have to do before you lose access to HP's internal systems. Thanks to Curt Gowan for this posting. Go to <http://www.hpalumni.org/asap> (HPAA membership not required.)
- 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: <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, 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](#).
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