

## Nov-Dec 2014 News-at-a-Glance



### HAPPY HOLIDAYS from The DEC Connection!



### EVENTS WRAP-UP:

**Digital Arizona** Group's annual Fall Luncheon was Sat., Nov. 1, 2014 at Santisi Brothers Pizzeria in Phoenix. Galen Davis reports that an enthusiastic group convened and had a great time. [See photos on our Arizona website page.](#) Contact: GalenDavis@aol.com

The DEC Connection Board will be convening after the holidays to plan 2015 events. Please send your suggestions to Nancy\_Kilty@hotmail.com.

**Reunion With Your Peers** - [click here for information](#) about running your own reunion locally with DEC Connection support.



Galen Davis,  
organizer of Phoenix  
Digital AZ Group

### DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to new member **Laurie Neder (CA)**, and a hearty Re-welcome to our renewing members: **Joe Beaumont (NH)**, **Aline Migrants (MA)**, and **John Rosala (MA)**.

**Membership Renewal Procedure:**

Best method to renew: Click this 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 [www.deconnection.org/join.htm](http://www.deconnection.org/join.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.

**Staying on our email list:** Our newsletter contact manager removes names if the recipient mail server sends a rejection notice. If you haven't received DEC Connection's News-at-a-Glance in a while, or you changed your email address, re-register for our free e-news at: <http://www.deconnection.org/mail.htm>

**DEC Connection Member NewsBytes:** send yours to: [webmaster@deconnection.org](mailto:webmaster@deconnection.org).

[See our new NewsByte archive page.](#)

- **Gary Carpenter** from Colorado Springs shared his DEC memorabilia collection of mugs, buttons, and manuals. [Click here to see them on our online museum page.](#)
- On November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, **John Potucek**, ex-SVO/NIO Deccie (1980-1995), was elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives for the two year term of 2015-2016. He represents the Rockingham County's 6<sup>th</sup> District, which is Derry NH. John is a retired Electronic Engineer & Program Manager from the electronics industry, as well as a retired Middle School Mathematics Teacher, having taught most of his career in Manchester NH. His multiple retirements allow him to focus on the duties involved in the "Citizen Legislature" of New Hampshire. [potucek1@comcast.net](mailto:potucek1@comcast.net)

**Sad News Department** - [details on our Memorials Page](#)

The DEC Connection notes with sadness the large number of talented associates we lost during 2014. And unfortunately, we have more passings to note since November - [details on our Memorials Page](#)

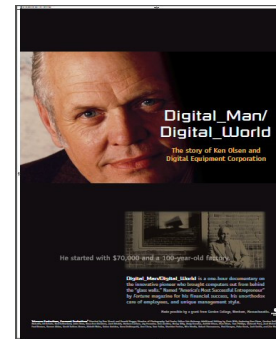
- Jeanne Dietel and Anker Berg-Sonne reported that **Robert F. (Bob) Trocchi**, 81, Sudbury MA,

passed away following a courageous battle with cancer. Bob led DEC's foray into the Education Industry across the globe.

- Jack Burness wrote with sad news: **George W. Berry**, 69, Lincoln and Alford MA, was a DEC-ie from 1969 until the 80s. As well as being a really nice guy, he had a very interesting life. George was a Consulting Engineer at Digital.

## Website Updates:

- 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.
- 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 2014 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](#) to enjoy the ones submitted so far.
- Featured Member Entrepreneur - Email webmaster with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.
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