

## October 2015 News-at-a-Glance



### Events

- **7 Nov 2015 - Phoenix AZ semi-annual lunch at Santisi's Sports Bar, Phoenix. AZ at 12:00 noon. Info: GalenDavis@aol.com**
- 2x Feb 2016 (TBA) - SW Florida, Naples FL - Info: Sally Hering, sahering@msn.com
- 22 Apr 2016 - Colorado Springs 14th Annual Reunion - Info: Theresa Cordova  
[cosdecreunion@yahoo.com](mailto:cosdecreunion@yahoo.com)
- Any interest in joining a DEC Connection Chapter on **Cape Cod**? More of our members seem to be retiring there. Email [Ava@deconnection.org](mailto:Ava@deconnection.org) with your name, email, city and phone number, and she will compile and share a list of interested folks for occasional get-togethers.
- There are several nice opportunities coming up to hear the **Compaq Big Band** (we know they're really the DEC Big Band): see details on their website at <http://www.compaqbigband.com>



Sunday 8 Nov	<a href="#">Dance-2-Swing Sunday Swing Dance</a> (\$14 cover)	6:30 PM to 10:30 PM	Leominster, MA
Friday 13 Nov	<a href="#">Milly's Tavern</a> (admission \$10/\$5)	9:00 PM - 1:00 AM	Manchester, NH
Saturday 28 Nov	<a href="#">Nashua Winter Holiday Stroll</a> (free admission)	5:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Nashua, NH
Friday 4 Dec.	<a href="#">Swing Dance presented by BC Full Swing</a> (at Boston College)	8:00 PM to 11:45 PM	Chestnut Hill, MA

### DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to new and renewing members: **Anker Berg-Sonne (MA), Bill Cox (NH), Bill Drake (NC), Phil Dube (NH), Gail Hernandez (NH), Jim Higgins (MA), Greg Liverman (CO), and Joe Supple (MA).**

**Membership Renewal Procedure:** 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-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.

**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:

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

[See our NewsByte archive page.](#)

- **Gail (Georges Smith) Hernandez** writes: I'm offering consulting with firms who need help with their trade show programs. I offer strategic planning and logistics management and will be accepting new clients starting December 2015. I can be reached at 603-654-2130 and via email at [tradeshovmaven@yahoo.com](mailto:tradeshovmaven@yahoo.com)
- **Anker Berg-Sonne** writes: Retired in March of 2015 and really enjoying it. Spending time traveling to exotic destinations and enjoying my many hobbies. [bostonsearover@gmail.com](mailto:bostonsearover@gmail.com)
- **Bill Drake** joined up, and writes that before retiring from Digital, his role was as a Senior Sales Exec at the Research Triangle Park NC office. [billdrake@earthlink.net](mailto:billdrake@earthlink.net)
- **Dave Price** sent in a nice note today along with a great photo of a mini-reunion he arranged with a few of his public relations/marketing peers from Digital:

On Oct. 20, 2015 five DEC folks who worked closely together reunited for lunch in Westminister, MA at the Old Mill restaurant. We had such a good time we decided to do it again within the next year. Photo below. Dave's email is [davep116@gmail.com](mailto:davep116@gmail.com).



Left to right: David Price (public relations), Rick Goldberg (public relations), Judy Finman (public relations), Connie Sartini (marketing communications), and Linda Giragosian (public relations).

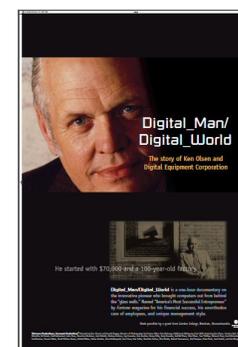
## Sad News Department

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

- **Jewel M. Slaton**, 92, of Ayer MA, passed away on 10/11/15.
- **Wendy Frey Caswell**, 57, of Boston MA, passed away on 9/19/15.
- **Phyllis DeVarney**, 65, of Shirley MA, passed away on 9/15/15.
- **George Bourbeau**, 76, of Colorado Springs CO passed away on 9/10/15.
- **Mary Lindsay Powers**, 64, Colorado Springs, passed away on 9/2/15.
- and some may have missed last month's sad news that our COO, **Win Hindle**, 84, Concord MA, passed away on 9/1/15.
- 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.
- 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](#).
- Featured Member Entrepreneur - Email webmaster with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.
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