



DECconnection

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

September-October 2017

Events

SAVE-THE-DATES:

* Semi-annual Phoenix luncheon at Santisi Brothers Pizza will be Saturday, November 4, 2017, at noon

* 16th annual DEC CXO reunion will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018.



In September, the DEC Connection Board met to discuss future events. We're sitting at the Battle Road Brewery Pub in front of the Mill Pond, enjoying the great food, company, and view. L to R: Barrie Hunter, Ava Schutzman, Nancy Kilty, Marilyn Goodrich, and Jack Mileski. Our idea is to have an event at this Mill Pub in the late April-early May timeframe. We'd like to have all you folks engaged in organizing your own little mini-reunions. The Pub has many tables in the back, each of which would be perfect to meet with a few (or more) of your old Mill-mates and DECmates :) while enjoying a craft beer. Anyone who wants to reserve a table or two, send your name, email and group name, approx. how many people in your future group, to info@deconnection.org and we'll plan for a table for your group. Date to be announced.

Digital and the Industry

METLIFE INSURANCE POLICY DIVIDENDS

For those of you who kept your HP Group Home & Auto Insurance with Metlife, have you received dividend checks from either Metlife division [i.e. Auto and/or Home] in the past few years. [Note: Metlife issued dividends for calendar years that had less than expected claims.] Thanks to the folks who sent in their experience with recent Metlife dividends. If you didn't receive a homeowner's dividend for 2016 and would like to keep apprised of this situation (HP's data for Metlife policy owners apparently was lost or compromised when the company split up), contact Steve Blume at rmcgrail95@aol.com. He's gotten a lot of pushback but is still trying.

DEC Connection Member News

Welcome to our new and renewing members during September and early October: Ray Ferrara (FL), Bryan Marler (NY), Julie Palmason (MA), Frank Pascucci (CT), Janice Shineman (MA), and Ray Shoemake (AZ).



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.
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DEC Connection Member NewsBytes

Please send your update to: ava@deconnection.org [See our NewsByte archive page.](#)



Bryan Marler (above, right) writes: Joined Dec in 1980 in Field Service Logistics, working for Tom Karpowski. Joined the awesome Nautilus team in '83; ESG in '87 with Don McInnis. Moved to the field in 1990 working for Mary Piehler and Tom Iannotti in Corning NY. Many sales jobs with Digital, Compaq and HP, until retirement from HP on October 30, 2012. Started with Seagate HPC Systems (Xyratex) on November 1st. Retired again, for good, in July 2016. Now loving retirement near Albany NY. Visitors most welcomed! With regards, Bryan (cell 518-852-9081) bbmarler@gmail.com

Ray Ferrara writes that he is now working on a technology that will make the semantic web a reality - one where you can "google" one or terms and get back real data sets and not just web pages that have one or more of the terms on them. raymond.ferrara@gmail.com

Susan Azibert wants to let technical folks looking for work in the Nashua area know that there's a technical networking group out there that may be helpful - see the Nashua Tech Net Group on Linked In, run by Steve Munyan. They have regular networking meetings, bring your business cards and a resume.

Member **Lois Levick** writes that she would like to sell her timeshare at Cape Cod Holiday Estates in Mashpee MA on the Cape. Sleeps six people, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and an area that can be made private, with a sofa bed. The resort has an indoor pool, tennis court, and a putting green. Please email Lois at loislevick@earthlink.net.



Change in Publication Schedule

Starting with this issue, we are publishing every 2 months. We'll continue to send notices as needed for announcements and events.

Sad News Department

Nice to say that no one reported deaths or illnesses of former DECcies this month... hope that continues. [Details are on our Memorial Page.](#)

Website Features and Updates

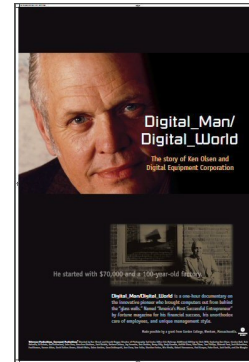
■ [Where to Donate your Digital Equipment gear](#)

■ The PBS video of the documentary about Ken and the history of DEC, **Digital_Man/Digital_World**, is available online (\$25+s/h) from the PBS store:

[http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?](http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=13315614)

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It's a wonderful hour-long nostalgia trip. Enjoy!



For those who prefer to watch the free version on their computers, the URL is: [Link to Ken Olsen/Digital Video](#)

■ [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. [Click on this link.](#)

■ **Featured Member Entrepreneur** - Email ava@deconnection.org with details - 2-3 paragraphs about your business and your photo.

Hewlett-Packard Alumni Association info (membership not required) Thanks to Curt Gowan for sharing all of this valuable advice. See the HP Connections thread in Linked In for advice from alumni to current employees and those being laid off.

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