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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

As you read these thoughts, I hope that each of you can reflect back on having had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a great New Year. On a personal note, our family had a fantastic Christmas! On Christmas Eve, at about 10:00 PM, our daughter brought our first grandchild into this world. She had a healthy baby boy who will undoubtedly complain most of his life that he will receive fewer gifts for his birthday because it is so close to Christmas. However, the rest of the family sees this as a very special blessing; a Christmas gift for all of us to enjoy for many years.

For those of you who were unable to attend the December General Meeting, we had an interesting election of the officers for next year's Board of Directors. After some extended discussion and voting on a motion from the floor, it was decided that the new, 2004, Board of Directors would modify the organization's by-laws to establish two Vice President positions on the Board and to determine how the VP duties would be divided between the Board members who hold those positions. I see this as a very healthy improvement to the Board structure as the position of Vice President has always been one of the most demanding positions on the Board and is therefore sometimes hard to fill. We will keep the membership posted as we work through the adjustments that we make.

I want to welcome several new members to the Board of Directors. John Tate, Judy Panjeti, Joe Story and Sally Ann Mowrey were elected to the Board for the next year. I also want to offer our sincere thanks to Steve Fondren and Phil Keairns for their service on the Board for the past several years. You will still continue to see these important KEGS members in their SIG-leader positions so please offer them your thanks for all that they did for KEGS while serving on the Board.

The presentation at the General Meeting in January will be on Intel's new Centrino mobile technology. Steve will be giving the presentation based on demo-in-the-box materials that were sent to him by Intel. Please read the information on the KEGS web site under Meetings for more details.



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Lastly, I want to encourage any of you who have not yet done so to renew your membership in KEGS for 2004. Remember, that the more members that we have, the more resources we have to serve your needs and the easier it is to persuade vendors to make product presentations to our General Meetings.

If you got a new computer or other computer-related device for Christmas, I hope that it is serving you well. If you need some help with your new equipment or software, your friends in the user group are standing by to help wherever they can.

Happy New Year to each of you! I look forward to seeing you at a KEGS or SIG meeting in the near future.

Respectfully,

Ron Cowger

KEGS General Meeting And Associated SIGs

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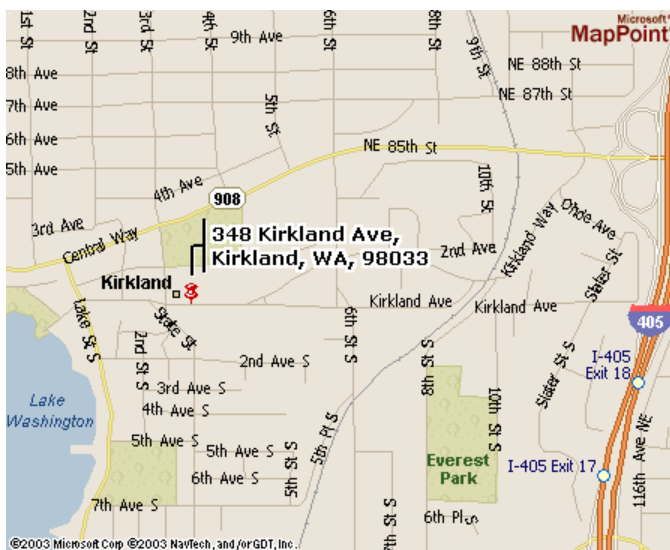
Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
2nd Monday	6 PM - 7 PM	Kirkland Teen Union Building	Technology Corner betacode@hotmail.com	Steve Fondren
2nd Monday	7 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland Teen Union Building	KEGS General Meeting	
2nd Monday	9:30 PM - ? PM	Pegasus Pizza & Pasta 12699 NE 85 th, Kirkland	Pig SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-996-5635

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS: From I-405, take the N.E. 85th ST. exit (exit number 18) toward KIRKLAND (headed West). Immediately move to the center lane and take a left at the first light onto Kirkland Way (If you went right you would be on 114th Ave NE). Just stay on Kirkland Way and it will turn into Kirkland Ave.

The Kirkland Teen Union Building is part of a string of connected buildings. Right at the street is Kirkland's Performing Arts Center, then comes the Kirkland Senior Center and farthest from the street is The Kirkland Teen Union Building.

There is a parking area to the West of this building but you can also park in the Kirkland Library's covered parking area just a little farther to the West (1/4 block past the Performing Arts Center).



KEGS SIG Meetings:

NEW SIG CHART

Notice that our SIG chart no longer lists actual dates. Please check your calendars for the date of the upcoming meeting that you want to attend.

Contact the SIG leaders to find out what presentations that they have planned for their upcoming meetings.

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Meetings at the North Bellevue Community Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Technology & Entertainment philbar45@attbi.com	Phil Keairns 425-222-7130
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	NBCC Computer Lab Support j_m_mr@hotm@il.com	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Video & Animation philbar45@attbi.com	Phil Keairns 425-222-7130
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Quick Books sarah@abcsupport.com	Sarah Gunderson 425-485-3437
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	WIN 95/98/XP?? daviddodge1@compuserve.com	David Dodge
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Laptop SIG ctheprof@aol.com	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Beginners Hardware j_m_mr@hotm@il.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office r_cowger@prodigy.net	Ron Cowger
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group philbar45@attbi.com	Phil Keairns 425-222-7130
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Digital Imaging SIG sallyanmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-996-5635
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	HTML SIG jack@webwitch.com	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960

Meetings at locations other than the North Bellevue Community Center

1st Tuesday	6:15 PM - 9 PM	Microsoft's Redmond Campus Building 34, the Quinalt Rm Redmond, WA	Access SIG Teresa@eade.com See their WEB site at http://www.eade.com/AccessKEGS/	Teresa Eade 425-482-1021
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SIG Meeting Locations:

All small groups meet at the Bellevue Community Center unless noted as below.

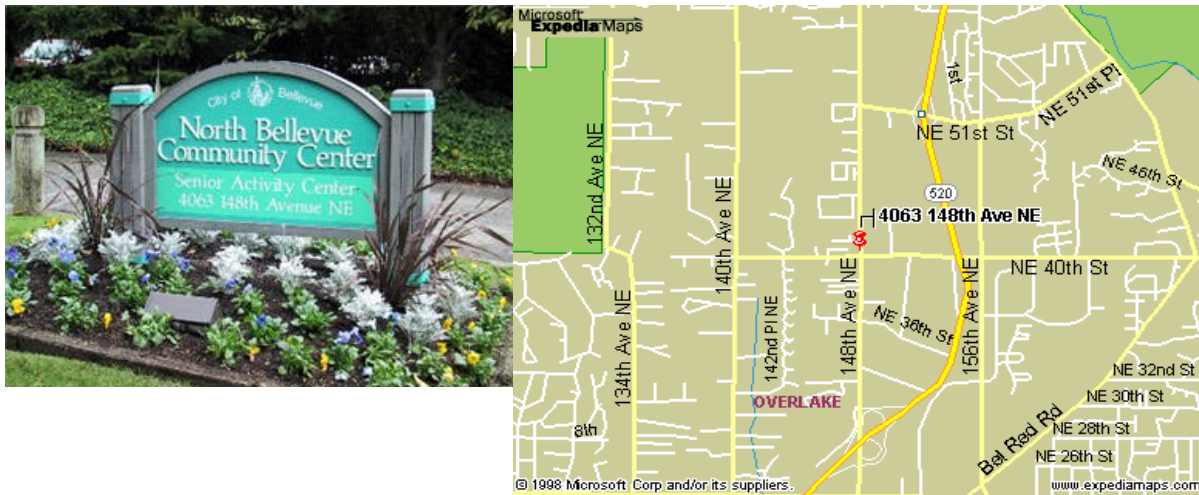
* Access meets at the Microsoft Redmond Campus, in Building 34, the Quinalt Room

** Easter Seals meets at the downtown location 157 Roy St. Seattle

*** Board Meetings are currently held at Executive Real Estate's Bellevue office on Lake Bellevue. Contact Joe Mraz (j_m_mraz@hotmail.com) or any board member for directions.

Finding our primary SIG meeting location

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS: Thanks to the improvements to SR 520, you may now use the new NE 40th St exit. If you are driving towards Redmond, exit and turn left to go over the overpass. If you are coming from Redmond, exit and turn right. Go to 148th Ave NE, and turn right. In very short order, you will see the North Bellevue Community / Senior Center sign on the left side of the roadway.



History & Contact info:

KEGS was formed in late 1996 to meet the needs of personal computer users in the Greater Seattle Area. KEGS is a nonprofit organization that holds its general meetings on the second Thursday of each month.

In addition, KEGS sponsors a number of special interest groups (SIGs) that meet regularly to share common interests, learn new techniques, and resolve questions about the use of personal computer hardware, accessories, or software.

For a detailed listing of our SIG's, updated information about KEGS activities, and more, please see our web site at:

<http://www.kegs.org>.

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