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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

## Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Ah, fall is in the air! Based on the unusually wet weather that we've had for the last week or so, one might think that fall is already here. Now it is time for the young folks to return to school and for some of us to return to more routine activities after a summer, vacation season that I hope was filled with enjoyable trips, time off or other activities that took advantage of the superior weather that we enjoyed.

As you return to those more routine activities, you may be attending KEGS and SIG meetings more often. One of the improvements that you may notice in the SIG environment is a new computer table/cart that holds the roll-around computer at the Bellevue Senior Center. The Board of Directors approved the purchase of the cart after one of the wheels broke off of the previous one that we had. You will notice that the new cart is larger, holds the monitor much more securely and has more organized storage compartments for various cords and cables. Please take good care of the cart and push it slowly over the bumps and thresholds between the rooms in the Senior Center. The cart was rather expensive and we would like for it to last a long time.

Another improvement that the Board is pursuing is the purchase of a new projector for use by the SIGs at the Senior Center. Most of the SIGs have expressed the need for a projector that can handle a higher image resolution than the one that we currently own. The members of your Board are trying to be good stewards of the KEGS funds by shopping for a projector that meets our needs at the best combination of cost, supportability and reliability. I'll keep you posted on our progress on this issue.



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The speaker at the September General Meeting will be from Microsoft. He will have two portions to his presentation. First, he will discuss the Microsoft Usability Program and how our members can get involved. If you haven't yet been involved in one of the usability studies, I encourage you make yourself available by signing up. If you are selected, I think you will enjoy the study and feel that you have made a contribution to some future product. Also, Microsoft often rewards the participants in their studies by giving them a piece of software.

The second part of this month's presentation will be on the Tablet PC. The first time I saw one of these devices demonstrated I felt it had a good "Wow" factor. I can see where it would be a great device for a businessperson that took his/her computer to meetings during his/her day or even to collaborate with his/her colleagues. I think you'll find the presentation quite interesting.

The committee that I established to study the procedures used at the annual KEGaBuck\$ Auction hasn't met yet due to non-availability of the chairperson due to injury/illness. He's hopeful that he will be able to set up a meeting of the group in the near future. I'll let you know when they have reported back to your Board.

That's about it for this month. Here's wishing you happy and trouble-free computing. I look forward to seeing you at the General Meeting or at a SIG meeting in the near future.

Respectfully,  
Ron Cowger  
President

# KEGS General Meeting And Associated SIGs

## KEGS T-shirts

Remember, you score extra KEGABUCK\$ when you wear your KEGS shirts to SIGs and the General Meetings! We still have a few left of various sizes. Then we will order more. So why wait? Pick yours up at the next general meeting.

General 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 <a href="mailto:betacode@hotmail.com">betacode@hotmail.com</a>	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 <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	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 / Senior Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	NBCSC Computer Lab Support <a href="mailto:j_m_mraz@hotmail.com">j_m_mraz@hotmail.com</a>	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Quick Books <a href="mailto:sarah@abcsupport.com">sarah@abcsupport.com</a>	Sarah Gunderson 425-485-3437
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	WIN 95/98/XP?? <a href="mailto:daviddodge1@compuserve.com">daviddodge1@compuserve.com</a>	David Dodge
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Laptop SIG <a href="mailto:ctheprof@aol.com">ctheprof@aol.com</a>	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue <a href="mailto:j_m_mraz@hotmail.com">j_m_mraz@hotmail.com</a> (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	Ron Cowger
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group <a href="mailto:gary@zipcon.net">gary@zipcon.net</a>	Gary Skelton
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Digital Imaging SIG <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-996-5635
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	HTML SIG <a href="mailto:jack@webwitch.com">jack@webwitch.com</a>	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960

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3rd Monday (Only on the ODD Months)	7:00 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland's Teen Union Bldg. Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - Kirkland <a href="mailto:j_m_mraz@hotmail.com">j_m_mraz@hotmail.com</a> (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433

## SIG Meeting Locations:

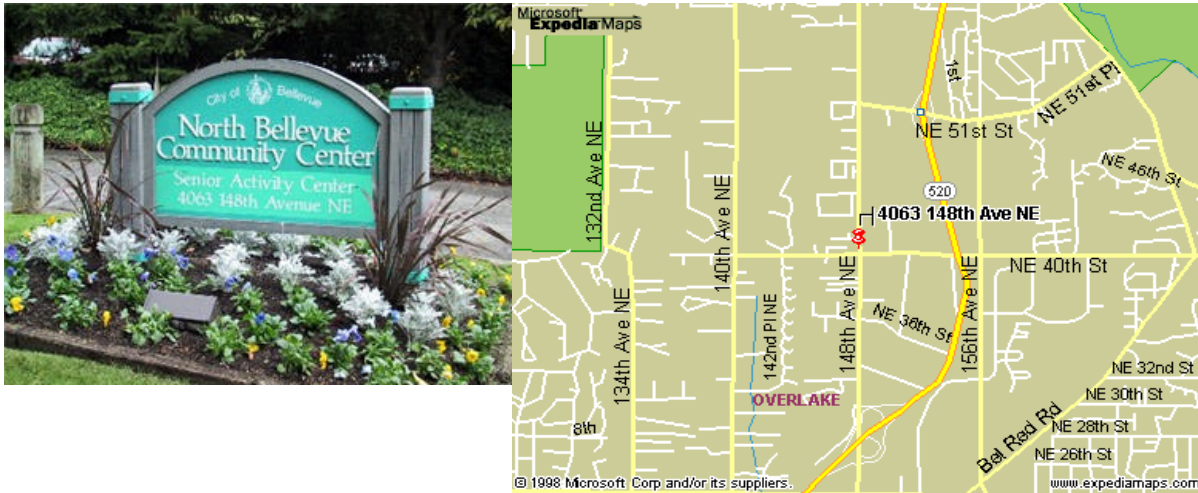
Please note that the KEGS Board meetings are not held at our General Meeting or SIG meeting locations

- KEGS 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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