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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

I hope that all of you had a very Happy Thanksgiving. It's hard to believe that in just over three short weeks it will be Christmas. If you are like me, I'm mentally scrambling to try to figure out what to get my wife for the big day. I guess that a new printer probably would not be a good choice. As I recall, a wise person cautioned me many years ago that things that plug into the wall or that require any assembly are not normally well received as gifts by persons of the female gender. I've tried to live by that little cautionary note and it has served me well.

This month we will have a very full agenda at the General Meeting. As I have noted before in this column, we will have the annual election of the Board of Directors for the coming year during the first part of the meeting. Then, we will have a presentation by a representative of Real Networks on their several products that they offer in the multimedia arena. The maker of Real Player now offers products that handle movies and games in addition to the increased/enhanced music offerings that are now available. It should be an interesting presentation.

I want to remind you that we are still looking for candidates to fill the various positions on the Board of Directors. We are always seeking new folks who would be willing to volunteer some of their time to help this great, service-oriented organization. You certainly do not have to be a computer expert in order to serve on the Board. Nor do you have to be a long-time member of KEGS. You just have to be someone who agrees that the organization does good work for its members, performs beneficial community services and needs a few dedicated folks to keep it running. Please contact Bob Baxter, Sally Ann Mowrey, Joe Mraz or me if you are willing to serve on the Board or if you have questions about what is involved. The organization would really benefit from your interest and your help.



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Prez Says: continued

There are still quite a few folks who haven't picked up their new KEGS shirts. If you have ordered a shirt, please bring your \$25.00 in cash or your checkbook to the November meeting. No, we don't take credit or debit cards. We ordered a few extra shirts in addition to those that members ordered. If you'd like to have a shirt but didn't order one, please see me at the meeting and I'll let you know if we have an extra shirt in your size.

Lastly, I want to encourage you to consider contributing to KEGS through United Way if your employer conducts an annual campaign to support various non-profit organizations. As you probably know, you can always designate on your United Way contribution form how you want your contribution distributed. Since KEGS is a registered 501(c)(3) organization, it is eligible to receive funds through United Way. You merely need to put down KEGS as one of your recipients and put our Bellevue mailing address on the form and the amount you specify will be used to support the work that we do in the community. Thanks in advance for giving this opportunity some thought.

That's about it for this month. Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and I hope that Santa leaves a new computer or other exciting digital product at your house. 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 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 / 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 j_m_mraz@hotmail.com	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
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	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue j_m_mraz@hotmail.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 gary@zipcon.net	Gary Skelton
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Digital Imaging SIG sallyannmowrey@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

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

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
3rd Monday (Only on the ODD Months)	7:00 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland's Teen Union Bldg. Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - Kirkland j_m_mraz@hotmail.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433

SIG Meeting Locations:

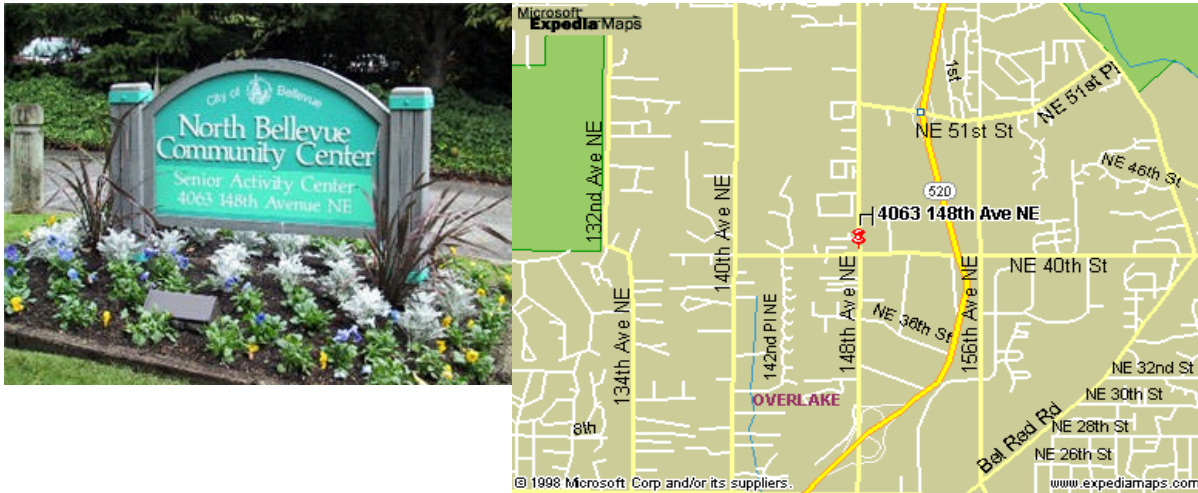
Please note that the KEGS Board meetings are not held at our General Meeting or SIG meeting locations

- 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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