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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says: Ron Cowger

Well, here it is March already. I think that we'll all have to agree that much of the weather we enjoyed during January and February was more spring-like than normal. What we really need in March is some snow in the mountains, not just for the skiers but also for the snow pack that will supply our water next summer. It's time for some real winter weather. Please do your best "snow dance."

It's also time for those of you who have not yet renewed your memberships in KEGS to consider doing so. We now have seventy-one members of KEGS, still twenty-nine less than we finished the year with in 2004. For those of you who have not had a chance to renew, I encourage you to open the Membership Form on the KEGS web site, fill out the form, print it out and then send it to our Bellevue address with your check. If you know of a friend or acquaintance that has not renewed his/her membership, please encourage him/her to do so. Remember that the annual KEGaBuck$ Auction is coming up in June and you always have a chance to get a piece of software worth more than your dues at the Auction. Obviously, you have to be a dues-paying member to bid at the auction.

I hope that most of you were able to attend the February General Meeting during which Steve Fondren discussed many of the new advances in computer hardware. He also presented an offer from Intel and PC Club to buy a bundle of components and then assemble your own PC. To date, none of our members have accepted the special offer. Some of our members felt that the configuration of the PC being offered didn't exactly meet their needs. Others already owned some of the components that they wanted to incorporate in their next PC and didn't want to buy duplicates through this offer. As a result, since it appears that no one will be building a PC, the Board has decided to change the presentation at the March General Meeting.

Prez Says: continued

The March presentation will be by Herb Johnson on macro photography. If you ever wanted to know how to take really close-up pictures of flowers and other objects, this is the presentation that will answer many of your questions. You may recall that Herb gave us a great presentation on digital photography in December of 2003. If you enjoyed that one, and all of us did, you will also enjoy this presentation on March 14th.

For those members that were interested in watching someone build or upgrade a PC, we are working on a demonstration along those lines for the Computer Support SIG on the third Tuesday of March. It looks like a couple of our members wanted to build or upgrade a PC but didn't want the exact configuration that Intel/PC Club was offering. Those folks will work on their PCs at the SIG and if you'd like to watch, you're invited to do so. We'll try to have more information about this at the General Meeting.

I also want to point out to you that Joe Story and Gary Skelton have worked out a new day for Gary to hold his monthly Internet SIG. This SIG will now meet on the first Wednesday of each month. I encourage you to attend and learn lots of new things about how to use the Internet more efficiently and more effectively.

That's about it for this month. For you that are Irish and those who take on the role of an Irishman once each year, I wish you a happy St. Patrick's Day. Enjoy the day of the Green. I look forward to seeing all of you, Irish or not, at the General Meeting or at a SIG meeting in the near future.

Respectfully,

Ron Cowger
President

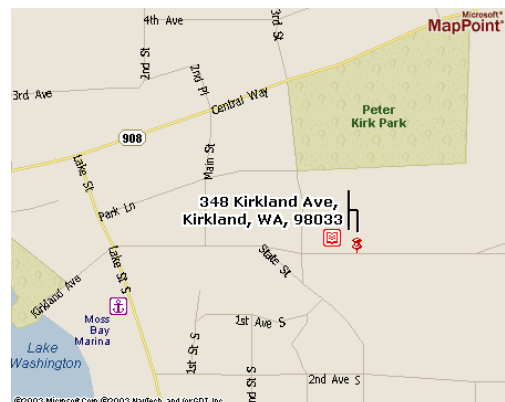# KEGS General Meeting
And Associated SIGs

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	Outback Steakhouse 12120 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 KIRK-LAND (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:

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
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group gary@zipcon.net	Gary Skelton
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
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

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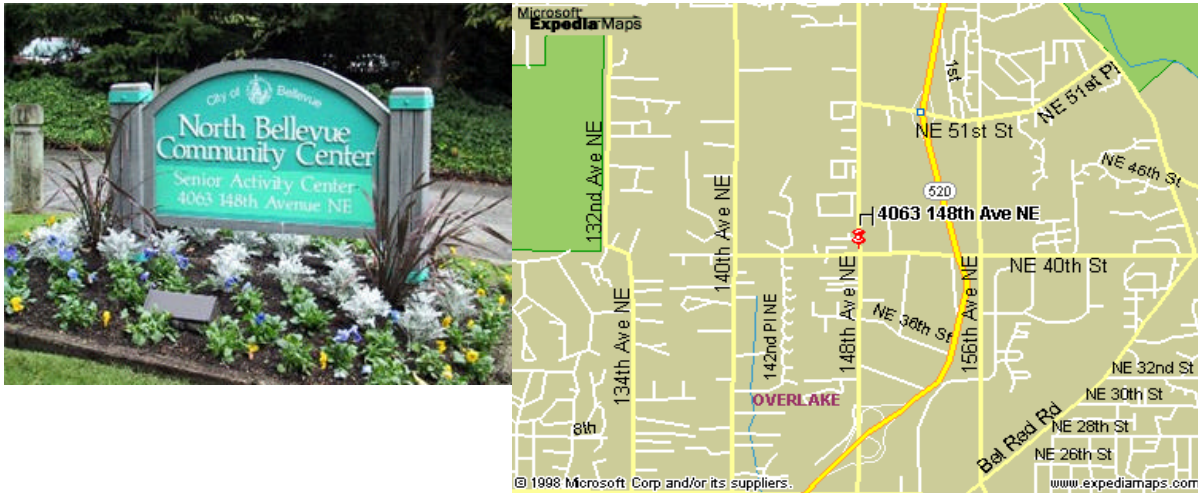| Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
3rd Monday (Only on the ODD Months)	7:00 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland's Teen Union Bldg. Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - Kirkland j_m_mraz@hotmail.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433

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 at 20 Lake Bellevue, Bellevue, WA. (Board meetings are public and open to anyone who wants to attend.)

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 Monday 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.	Contact us at: 2616 171st Ave SE Bellevue WA 98008 425-747-2433 info@kegs.org

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