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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

## Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

I feel that the Annual KEGaBuck\$ Auction on June 13<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. From the many favorable comments that I received from members after the Auction, I sense that most of our members were happy with both the items offered for bid and the conduct of the event. We all owe a big "Thank you" to all of the folks that worked so hard to conduct the Auction. Sally Ann collected the items and was responsible for orchestrating the conduct of the event on the big night. Her many helpers included the auctioneers, Joe Mraz and Joseph Nowak, plus their able assistants (spotters) AnnaMarie Knudsen and Joseph, when he was not being the auctioneer. Before the Auction, Judy Panjeti and Charlotte Kennedy helped set up the layout/display of the items up for bid and then Judy was the runner during the Auction, delivering the items to the auctioneer for presentation. I use the term "runner" very correctly as Judy had to move fast to get the items to the auctioneers at the appropriate times to keep the event moving. She did a great job. Again, my thanks to all who contributed to another successful Auction. Early statistics show that more than 109,000 KEGaBuck\$ were spent on over 202 different items at the Auction. Wow! That's a successful Auction!

Some of our members who were unable to attend the Auction have asked if the KEGaBuck\$ that they have earned will be good at future auctions. The answer is "yes." We don't date the KEGaBuck\$ so they are good forever, or at least as long as KEGS continues to have some sort of event that uses them as currency. The only situation that would result in a person's KEGaBuck\$ becoming invalid is if he/she drops his/her membership in KEGS. For those of you who did not pick up your accumulated KEGaBuck\$ at the beginning of the Auction, they will be held for you, any KEGaBuck\$ that you earn this year will be added to them and you may pick them up before the Auction next year.

The vendor's presentation at the July General Meeting will be on Microsoft's Windows Media Center. As some of you know, this is a special version of Windows that is specifically tailored to handle your many multi-media needs. It can be used to facilitate your television viewing and can record programs. Additionally, it can be used to record and play back your music collection. Also, it is a great gaming device. All in all, it combines the worlds of computing and digital entertainment in one device. I think you'll find it very interesting and I hope that you will attend.



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## Prez Says: continued

The Board has decided to continue the General Meeting Incentive Program for another year. The time period runs from July '05 through June '06. If you attend nine or more General Meetings during that time and you keep the special 50 KB tracking KEGa-Buck\$, you can turn them in next June for double the amount of tracking KBs that you have saved plus a 500 KB bonus. This payout is only good the night of the Auction. Good luck. I hope to see each of you at lots of General Meetings during the next year.

We are also going to be adding a special members-only page to our web site. We will be using this special page to list discount offers and other special deals that are provided for our dues-paying members. We encourage you to keep the URL for the members-only page secret among our dues paying members. After all, that's the intent when a vendor gives us a special deal. It's intended for our members. We will change the address each year so that members from previous years who choose not to renew will lose that benefit.

That's about it for this month. I look forward to seeing all of you at a KEGS meeting or at a SIG meeting in the near future. Happy and safe computing!

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	Outback Steakhouse 12120 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
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group <a href="mailto:gary@zipcon.net">gary@zipcon.net</a>	Gary Skelton
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
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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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 <a href="mailto:j_m_mraz@hotmail.com">j_m_mraz@hotmail.com</a> (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433

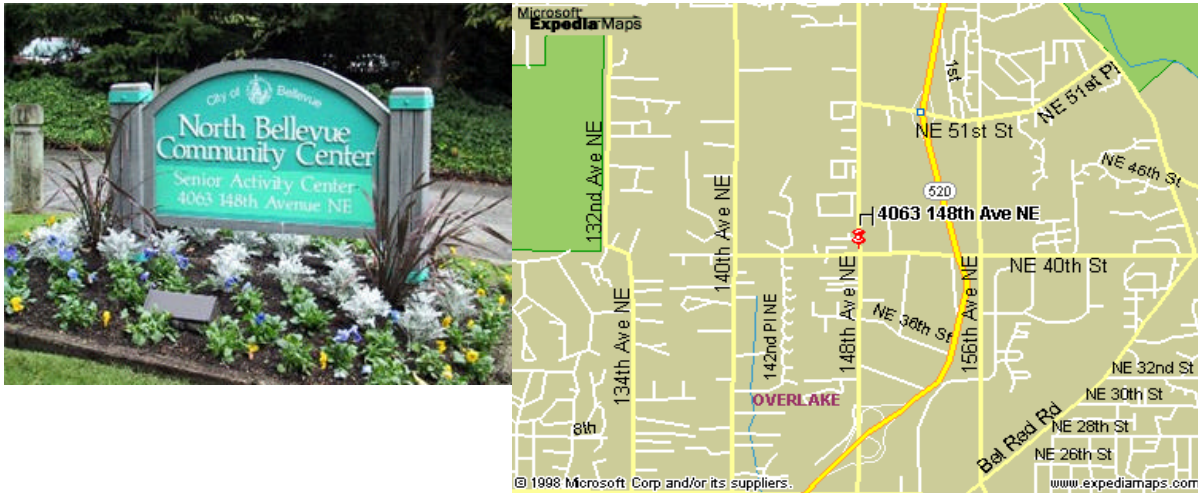
## SIG Meeting Locations:

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 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>.

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