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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Here it is September and fall will soon be in the air. Our kids, grandkids or friends will soon be back in school and the annual "vacation season" will be coming to an end for many folks. For some of us, we put emphasis on different activities and interests during the fall and winter months than we do during the summer. For me, one of the key changes is that football season returns! I'm sure that many of you have different seasonal interests and football may not be in that list.

I am confident that one of the things that changes in the cooler months is that since we all spend more time inside, we probably find more opportunity to use our computers. I hope that you will also find more time to attend KEGS General Meetings and one or more of the KEGS-sponsored SIGs. We try to provide meetings on a wide variety of topics so that there will very likely be something offered that is of special interest to you.

Another subject that I always associate with the fall season is the meeting of Raincoast. I have attended this meeting five or six different times and have found it interesting and worth my time each year. I hope that each of you will either talk to a KEGS member who has attended about the meeting or go to the web site at www.raincoast.info to find out more about the event. You can also register for the event on the web site. Considering that you get four meals provided to you as part of your registration fee, the meetings and seminars are basically free. At the last Raincoast in 2003, Jeff Brady won a complete, new computer! I'm sure that he will tell you that good things can result from attending this meeting in early October. Our representatives on the planning committees that are preparing this great event are Steve Fondren, Bob Baxter and Sally Ann Mowery. If you would like more information, please feel free to ask one of them. I strongly encourage you to sign up and attend.

I am still concerned that our total KEGS membership is about seventeen or eighteen less than it was last year. Remember, the best recruiters that we have to talk to folks about becoming new members are our current members. I encourage you to talk to your friends, family members, business associates and acquaintances about KEGS. Almost everyone uses a computer or digital camera these days and would benefit from the information and



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services that KEGS provides. Also remember that for each new member that signs up and identifies you as their "sponsor," you get \$8.00 off your dues for the following year. Please help our organization by bringing in at least one new member.

The vendor's topic at this month's General Meeting is a presentation on 3D animation. A representative of Antics Technology LTD. Will demonstrate some of the 3D software for which his company is well known. I think you'll find this subject very interesting and I hope to see you at the meeting.

The last item that I want to address, also a subject that comes up each fall, is the annual election of officers for our PC Users Group. In order for the user group to continue to thrive and grow, we need folks on the Board of Directors who are dedicated to working for the membership. Most of the jobs don't take a lot of time each month and don't require any particular skills and knowledge. You don't have to be a computer expert in order to be a productive member of the Board. Please give some strong consideration to running for a seat on the Board. I am a firm believer that in order for any organization to grow, prosper and adjust to the changing times, they need to have different folks serve on the Board through the years. The folks currently serving on the Board are dedicated and hard working but some of them are ready to turn over the reins to someone else. For its long-term health, the group needs some new faces on the Board to bring new ideas and enthusiasm to the group. I hope that you will make time in your schedule to help out. We will be establishing a Nomination Committee at the next Board meeting and I hope that you will talk to one of the members about serving on the Board.

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 KEGABUCKS when you wear your KEGS shirts to SIGS and the General Meetings! (NOTE: This extra credit is not honored at the PIG SIG.)

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	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 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
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

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

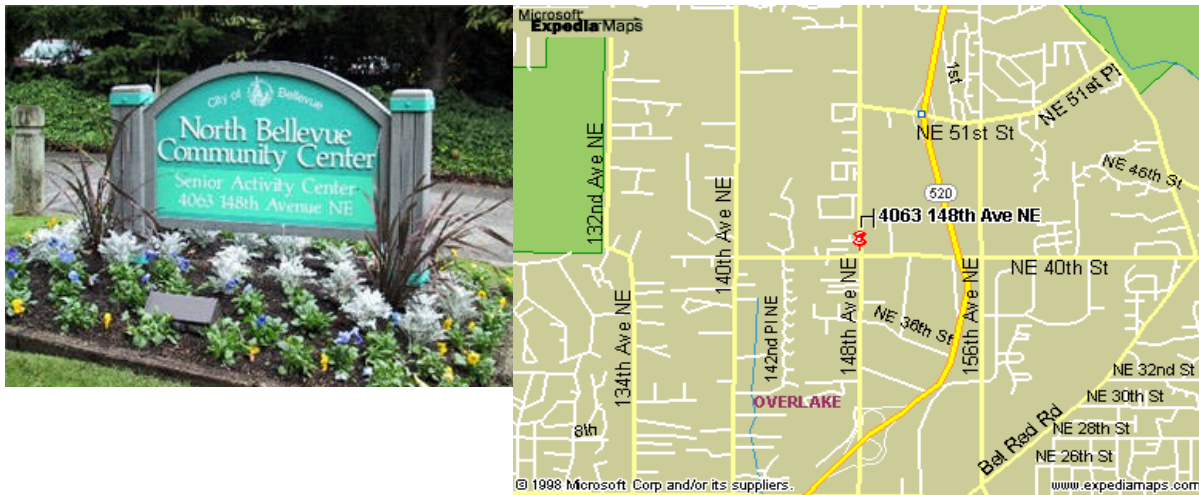
SIG Meeting Locations:

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 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, up-to-date information about KEGS activities, and more, please see our web site at:

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

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