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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

I hope that each of you had a happy Thanksgiving and that you are doing well in getting all of your shopping and other preparations completed before Christmas arrives. It will be here before you know it so if you're like me; you probably still have some work to do and not enough time in which to do it.

As I am writing this column for our Newsletter, I have not yet been told who will be doing the vender presentation at the December meeting. I know that one of the main activities that will take place during the meeting will be the election of the Members of the Board of Directors for next year. I hope that each of you will attend and vote as it is important that you express your support for your candidate(s) for each of the important positions on the Board. These folks will make the many decisions that are necessary to keep our user group active and vital so that it can continue to serve its members in the best manner possible.

As I have stated before, this is the best time of year to sign up new members for KEGS. Those who join during the period from October through December get up to fifteen months of membership for the price of twelve. What a great deal! Remember, the best recruiters that we have inform 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, PDA or digital camera these days and would benefit from the information and 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.

Also, please remember that if you renew your membership between now and December 31st you will get the extra benefits of being an Early Bird member. If you are an Early Bird, you get two door prize drawing tickets when you sign in at each of our General Meetings instead of one. That's at no extra cost to you. Why not renew soon and earn this extra benefit? Just fill out the membership renewal form that you'll find on the web site and give it to John Tate along with your check. It's as easy as that.



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Please do not give John your dues money unless you have a renewal form to go along with it. We need to insure that your email and other contact info are current each year and we use the forms to do that.

This is the last Prez Says column that I will be writing for the foreseeable future. I want to thank all of the dedicated folks who have served on the Board with me during the last three years for their work and their dedication to making the User Group a fun and informative organization. There will be many challenges ahead in keeping the group viable and maintaining a reasonable level of membership. Every member of the Board needs both support and new ideas from other members of the organization. We cannot afford to continue “business as usual” as the entire digital world is changing too fast for that to work. I encourage you to talk to the new members of the Board and give them your thoughts on improving the organization and making it even more responsive to all members’ needs and desires. I’m convinced that there is a place in the future for an organization like KEGS. It might not do the same things in the future that it does now but folks will always be interested in new technology and will almost certainly need help in putting that technology to use for them. I hope to remain a member for many years and I hope to see each of you at those future meetings. It’s been an honor serving as the President of KEGS.

Have a Great Holiday Season! I hope that you get at least one new tech-toy for Christmas to enjoy during the New Year. 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:

SIG CHART

Notice that our SIG chart does NOT list actual dates. To verify actual meeting dates AND POSSIBLE CANCELATIONS, please check our KEGS on line calendar at <http://www.kegs.org/Calendar.html> for the date of the upcoming meeting that you want to attend.

You can also 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 seasigi@kegs.org	Judy Panjeti & Marianne Wilkins
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Quick Books vek@nwqb.com	Virgil E. Knedlik 425-271-4411
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@nwdivemaster.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

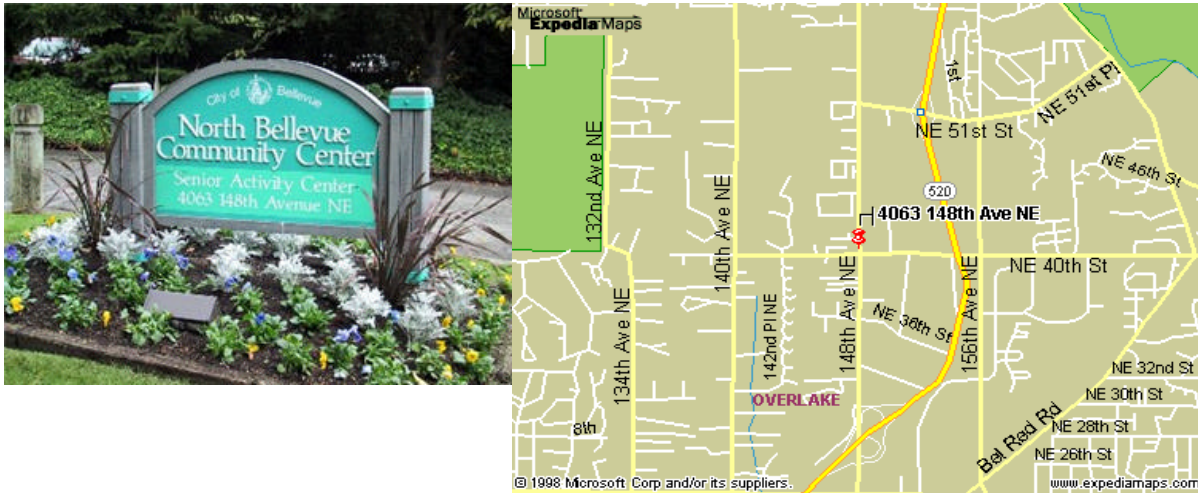
SIG Meeting Locations:

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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