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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Steve Fondren

I hope everyone had a great Holiday (read Christmas and New Years). I always look to the New Year as it will always be better. Sometimes it hasn't been but truthfully, most of the time it has. So last year needs to be judged. I finally found a placement with regular employment hours late last year. I was able to motivate great people to step up and put new leadership in charge of Raincoast, Inc. We have put a new and very promising leadership and board membership into KEGS. Oh yea, very importantly my mom came out of her comatose dementia and knows who I am again. My son the golfer was promoted to #2 at the San Jose Golf Club. I have to admit I leave the world stage out of my assessment because no matter what good thing you can point to, there are two more that are just dismal. My stance is just to be optimistic and believe that world peace is not a pipe dream and that someday they will find the key and use it. On the best metric of last year and the vision for next, my wife gave me a kiss the last moment of New Years Eve and said I love you (that will take you into the New Year with optimism). I hope you all are looking back on the last year with a sense of awe and happiness. All things considered, a Great Year.

Looking forward into the New Year what do I see? We will each strive to improve our relationships, family as well as friends and professional. In addition, workers will strive to increase their financial stability and retirees will attempt to maintain their financial stability. For KEGS, the New Year brings opportunity. Our membership continues to drop. We will be challenged to recreate ourselves and to make the organization more visible and desirable to potential members. The Global Industrial base for High Tech continues to lessen its support for clubs and communities in general. KEGS will need to step up with new and innovative ways to provide creative links to technology for members. Our strength has been developing our ability to support community organizations, both seniors and teens alike. We will explore ways to expand and strengthen this relationship. I see an opportunity to bring the world of the web to club and partners. This will widen our base demographic we draw from and increase the visibility, and potentially, services to our partners. Services has always been defined to me as = work that does not make anything. High Speed connections will deliver new service opportunities that will compel audiences to attend meetings and come to community centers.



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Prez Says: continued

I often hear that we start the New Year with a clean slate and make it what we want. I believe nothing in past years ever really goes away and must be given their due and be dealt with in the New Year. Baggage is a reality of life. The best medicine for this is forgiveness. So if you can't start clean, make the list less imposing by just forgiving and putting behind you some of your baggage. So much for the soap box part of the Prez Says and the sign off.

I look forward to seeing you all next week and as always I say "Travel Safe". We are going to have a great year, full of fun and excitement. I am looking forward to it.

Steve Fondren
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 this SIG chart no longer lists actual dates. Please check our KEGS calendar (at <http://www.kegs.org/Calendar.html>) for actual dates AND POSSIBLE CANCELLATIONS 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 seasigi@kegs.org	Judy Panjeti & Marianne Wilkins
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Quick Books vek@nwqb.com	Virgil E. Knedlik, CPA 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@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

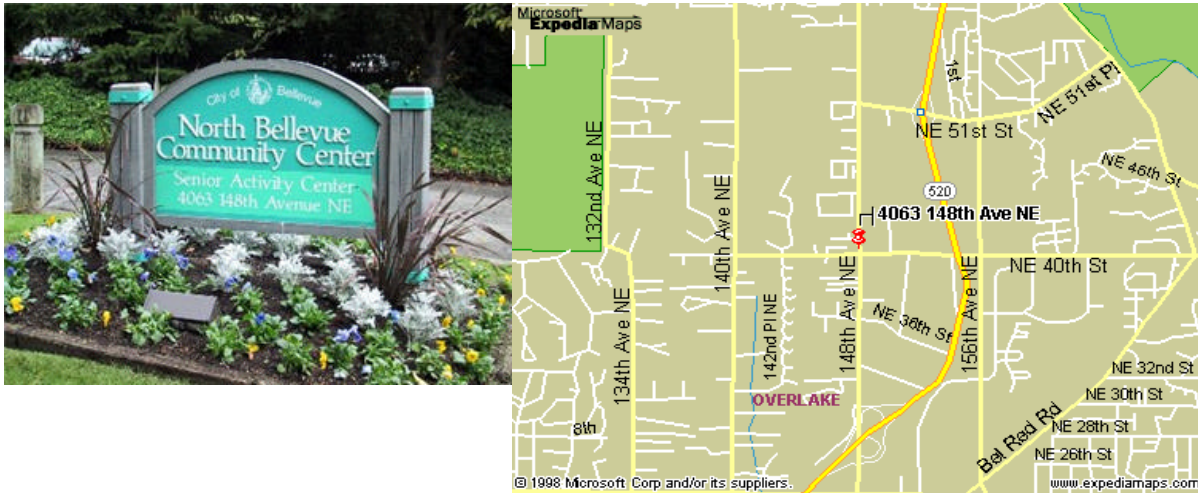
SIG Meeting Locations:

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, updated information about KEGS activities, and more, please see our web site at:

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

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