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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Hi Everyone,

If you recall how I started last month's column, I alluded to the recent good weather and suggested that spring might be arriving soon. Today, the news stations were citing the fact that during the last week in March Seattle had the coldest average high temp for that week on record. What an unusual spring we have had so far. Here on the Sammamish Plateau, we had about four inches of snow this past Saturday night resulting in a lot of damage to trees that had begun to leaf out and had branches broken off by the heavy snow. In summary, March provided lots of time to stay in the house and work, or play, on our computers. Let's all hope that better weather arrives soon.

The planned presentation for the April General Meeting will be a little different than usual. Our guest speaker will be Randy Abrams from ESET LLC. If you attended last November's meeting, you recall that Randy gave us a very interesting presentation on the use of heuristics in anti-virus programs. He showed how heuristics were used to identify computer viruses and why many companies are using this technology to find and remove viruses instead of pre-identified signatures. At this month's meeting, Randy will give us a short update on viruses, the current threat and other malware that we need to be concerned about. Then, we will have a period of questions and answers that Randy refers to as "Ask the Expert." I think this will be very interesting. In an effort to balance the opportunities to ask Randy questions, we will ask attendees to write up to two questions on cards that will be provided to you at the sign-in table. Then, Randy will pick from these questions and provide answers to those that he can cover during the time available. I think we will all find this format very interesting.

We had two more folks join KEGS during the month of March. I am very pleased that we continue to add to our membership. As I have mentioned in previous columns, I hope that you will each try to recruit someone new to join KEGS this year. 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. Currently, our membership is about the same as it was at the end of 2007. As I'm sure that you can understand, when we are trying to encourage vendors to speak to our organization, they almost always ask how many members we have. It would be a lot easier to entice companies to send speakers to our



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meetings if we had one hundred members than it is with our current membership of sixty-three. Please help our organization by bringing in at least one new member this year.

We are continuing to plan for our annual KegaBucks Auction in June. Each of you can help by digging through your closets, shelves, attic and/or garage to see if you have any new or gently used computer hardware that may be of some use to a fellow club member. Also, you may have a software application that you've never installed as you found something else that filled your needs better. I encourage you to consider donating those items to the Auction and letting another member get some use from them. It's getting very hard to get donations from manufacturers and vendors so we have to depend on our members for many of our auction items. You may give your donations to any member of the Board at the General Meeting and we will make sure that the items are collected and made available for the auction. Thanks in advance for your donations.

We don't have any new, updated information on the plan to reconfigure the computer lab at the North Bellevue Community Center. I will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

I hope to see each of you at the General Meeting on April 14th and/or at a future SIG. Happy and safe computing!

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.

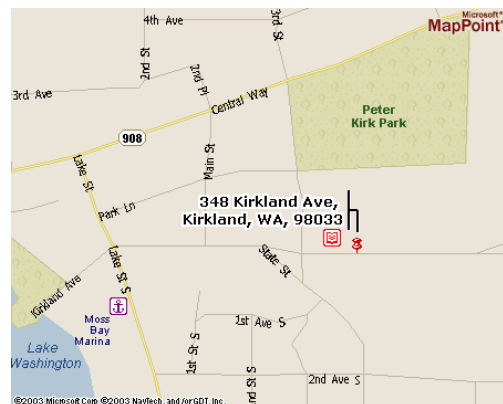
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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 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	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

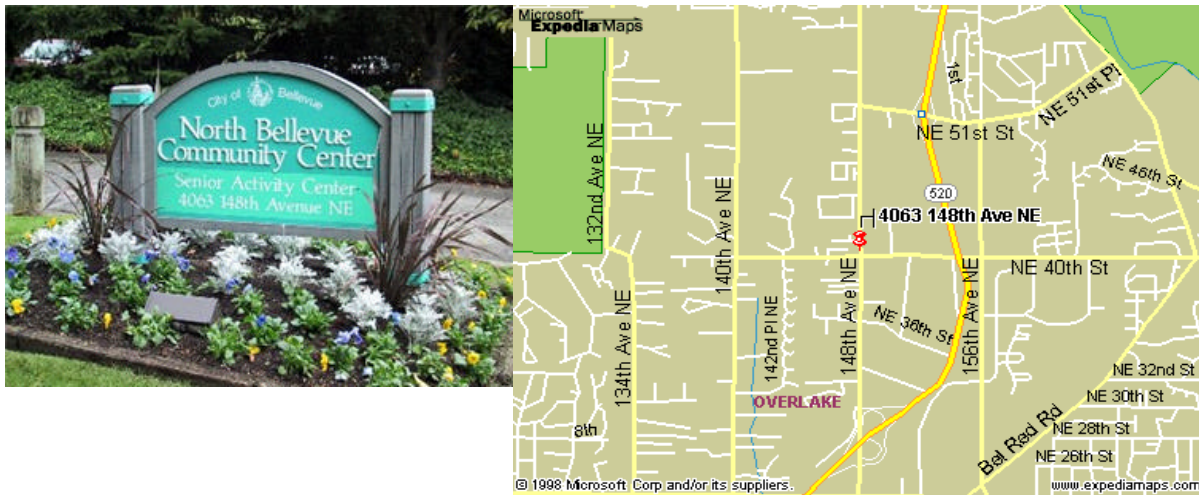
SIG Meeting Locations:

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>.

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