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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says: Ron Cowger

Hi Everyone,

As we roll into fall, the kids return to school and we anticipate fewer days with weather suitable for outdoor activities, I anticipate a few more hours in front of the computer getting better organized and hopefully enhancing the operation and security of my computer. The members of your Board have been working hard to line up presentations for the next several General Meetings that should support these efforts and be of interest to all computer users.

We have an interesting topic for the September meeting, presented by a well known expert in his field and delivered to us through interesting technology. Gene Barlow will be giving us a presentation on "Backing Up Your Hard Drive using Acronis True Image" and organizing your hard drive for easier backups. Since it is too expensive for Gene to travel here for the presentation, he will be speaking to us over an Internet connection using software that allows us to see his slides and hear him plus allows us to ask questions of him. I think you will find the topic of the presentation of great interest and the presentation technology exciting. Gene is providing us with a door prize for the meeting and discounted "user group" prices on the software that he will be discussing. I hope to see each of you at the General Meeting on September 8th.

We still need to work on recruiting more members for KEGS. 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 the benefits of joining 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 sixty-four folks. 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 meetings if we had one hundred members than it is with our current membership level. Please help our organization by bringing in at least one new member this year.

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The members of your Board of Directors have been discussing several initiatives that might encourage more folks to join KEGS. We are looking at such things as changing the format of the General Meetings, having a membership sign-up contest, increasing publicity and other ideas. If you have suggestions that might help us make the organization more attractive to current and future members, please share them with one of the Board members. We all need to work on keeping our group active and interesting in order to make membership worthwhile for all of our members.

Please remember that we have our annual election of User Group officers in December. We will be appointing a nominating committee soon and they will be looking for members who are willing to serve on the Board. If you have any interest in helping conduct the business of your User Group, please let a member of the Board know about it and we will insure that you are contacted about your interests.

That's it for now. I hope to see each of you at the September General Meeting for the Acronis "Webinar." Happy and safe computing!

Ron Cowger
President

KEGS General Meeting
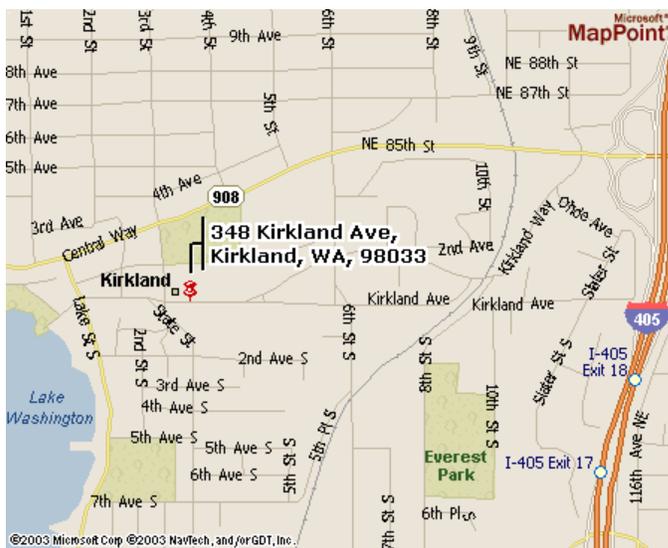## And Associated SIGs

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 KIRK-LAND (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.

Meetings at the North Bellevue Community / Senior Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA

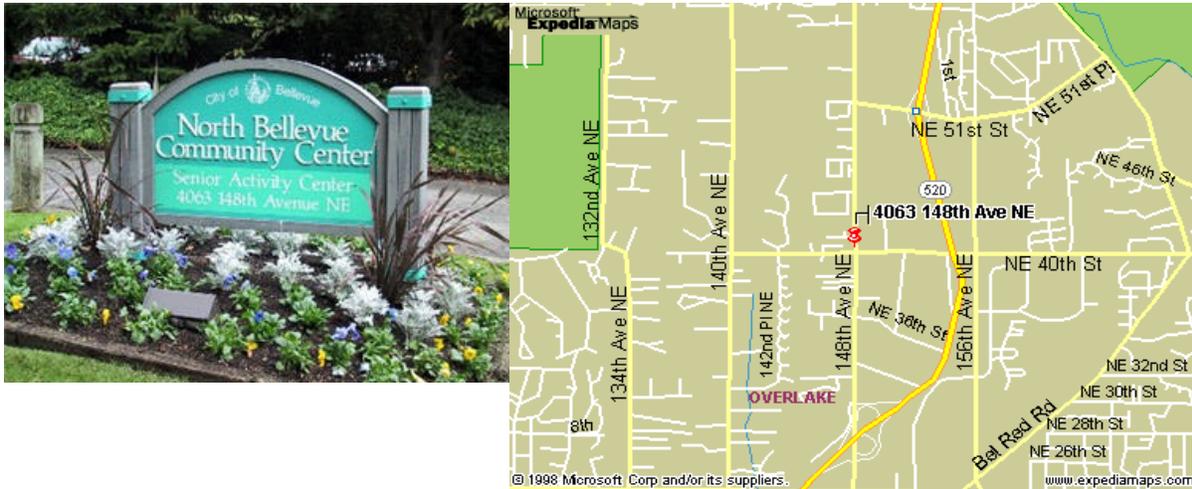| Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	NBCSC Computer Lab Support j_m_mraz@hotmail.com	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group seasigi@kegs.org	Judy Panjeti & Marianne Wilkins
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 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

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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