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Ron Cowger

Hi Everyone,

I hope that those of you that came to the General Meeting in September found the presentation interesting. I found the information presented by Gene Barlow about hard drive backups and restorations interesting and useful. Also, I thought that the no-cost methodology of conveying the presentation over the Internet to us from Utah was unique and interesting. I have to say that I was disappointed that many of Gene's words during the talk were dropped as they were being streamed to us over the Skype connection. Since we were the first PC User Group with which Gene had use the "Webinar" delivery, we were all in a learning situation. I'm told that Gene gave the same presentation to the Boeing PC users group a few days later and found that by turning off one of the Skype features during the talk, the problem with dropped words was eliminated. I'm glad that we were helpful in trouble shooting the problem but sorry that the frequent dropped words were rather distracting from the presentation. Overall, our members must have enjoyed the evening as sales of Gene's two software offerings were very good. I want to offer a big "thank you" to David Dodge for stepping in at the last minute and setting up the connection from our end to make the Webinar work. Joe Mraz tried to do it but had trouble with his laptop computer. David saved the evening and we all need to thank him! Also, I want to give a big "thank you" to Barbara Marasco for handling the software sales during the evening.

We have an interesting topic for the October meeting and it will be presented by one of our experts from within our own membership. Carl Von Papp has agreed to give us a presentation on Microsoft Vista. I know that many of us have been reluctant to switch over to Vista due to the many reports that we have heard about upgrading problems and compatibility issues. However, Carl has been using the operating system since soon after it came out and finds it stable, functional and more secure than Window XP. I am sure that you will find his insight and tips useful and interesting. He may convince you to upgrade! I hope to see each of you at the General Meeting on October 13th.

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 before the end of this year. During our last couple of meetings, 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,

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having a membership sign-up contest, increasing publicity and other ideas. Henry Holl-wedel came to our last Board meeting and gave us his insight concerning our member-ship issues. We all really appreciated his comments, will discuss them further and will undoubtedly implement several of them. 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 have appointed a nominating committee consisting of Sally Ann Mowrey, Bob Baxter and Barbara Marasco. They will be looking for members who are willing to serve on the Board. Depending on which position interests you, the time commitment can be as little as a couple of hours per month up to several hours for the more involved jobs. The job descriptions for all of the Board positions are on the KEGS web site. If you have any interest in helping conduct the business of your User Group, please let a member of the nominating committee know about it and he/she will answer any questions that you might have.

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

Ron Cowger
President
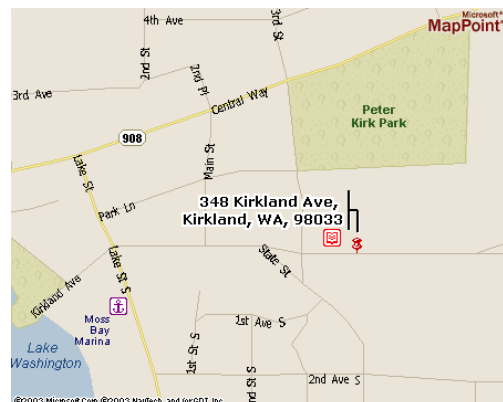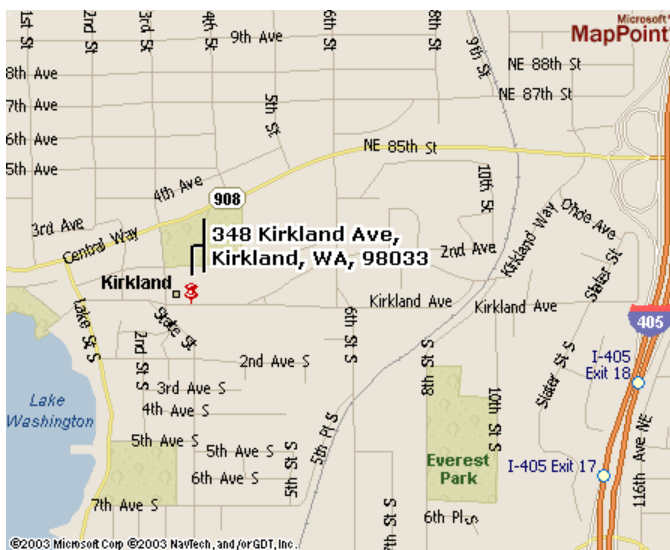
KEGS General Meeting
And Associated SIGs

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:

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

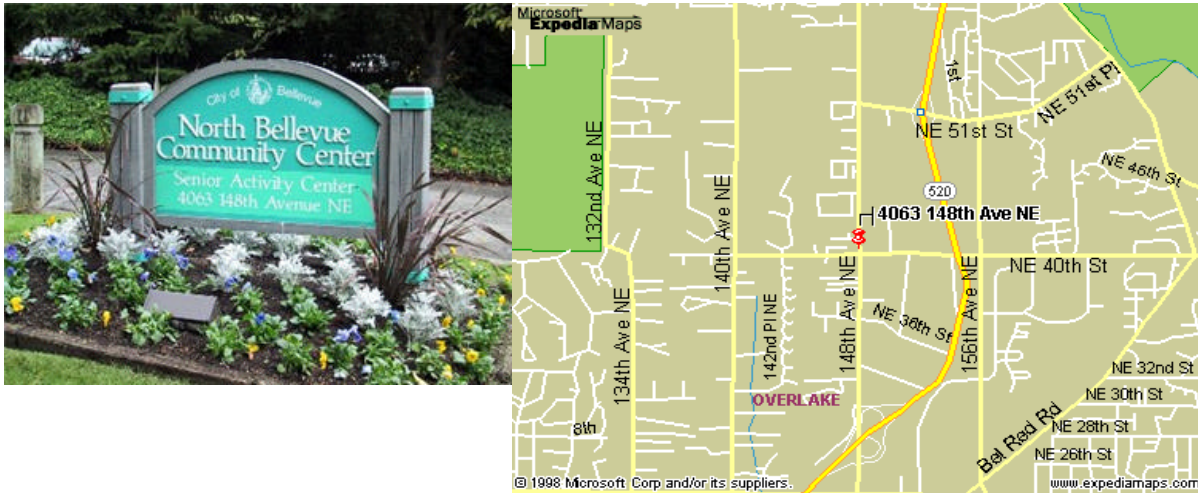| Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	NBCSC Computer Lab Support j_m_mraz@hotmail.com	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group seasigi@kegs.org	Judy Panjeti & Marianne Wilkins
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 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.	Contact us at: 2616 171st Ave SE Bellevue WA 98008 425-747-2433 info@kegs.org

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