Prez Says:

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Ron Cowger

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I don't know about your yard but in our yard those April showers brought more weeds than May flowers. I've already spent more hours pulling weeds and plants that our hard winter killed than I care to quantify. There's more work to be done before the Spring Cleanup is completed but we're getting there. I've found that the Internet has been helpful in identifying new shrubs and plants that we are considering as replacements for the ones that died. There's a lot of information out there. The challenge, as always, is finding the info that one needs without being swamped by the tons of irrelevant information that the search engines bring up.

For those of you that made it to the April General Meeting, I hope that you will agree with me that the presentation on Windows 7 beta was very interesting and generated a lot of excitement toward the new operating system. Those in the audience must have been interested as there were a lot of questions. Some of our members who are testing the beta of Windows 7 told me that they even learned of new features that they hadn't found yet in the new OS. We all owe Sean Gilmour a big "thank you" for taking his personal time to come to our meeting and speak to us. I'll try to arrange a return visit after Windows 7 is released.

At the May General Meeting, John Tate and I will talk about our experiences at the 2009 Consumer Electronic Show in January. We had planned to give this presentation at the March meeting but that was the one that was "snowed out." Anyway, I plan to talk about how the show exhibits were arranged, the magnitude of the show, some of the more exciting products that were being demonstrated and my thoughts about the overall experience. John will show some of the pictures that he took. He will talk about some of the "tricked out" cars we saw at the show and the exciting light and sound display on Fremont Street in Las Vegas. I think you'll find it interesting and I hope to see you there.

Again, I will mention KEGS membership. Our group membership is now up to fifty-seven computer enthusiasts so we are seven short of the level at which we finished last year. However, with eight more months in which to recruit new members, I genuinely hope that we can continue to grow as the year goes on. I strongly encourage you to invite friends or family members to attend a KEGS meeting or two to see if they are interested in joining. I'm convinced that we have something to offer any computer enthusiast. Remember, the more members that we have the better it is for all of us.

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I want to thank Bob Baxter and Joe Mraz for the good work that they are doing in setting up and configuring the new laptops that the Kirkland Senior Center bought for the use of their clientele. Remember that our group's support of the labs at NBCC, the Kirkland Senior Center and Kirkland Teen Union Building is what earns us our meeting space. We probably could not afford to use all of the facilities that we use if we had to pay rent for them. Other members involved in supporting the labs include Sally Ann Mowrey and David Dodge. Please offer your thanks to those dedicated members who support the labs.

We are anxiously seeking donations for the KEGS Auction that will be held in June. Please look around your house, garage, basement or wherever you keep those items that you put aside for possible use later. Perhaps you have a computer program or piece of hardware that you don't need and are willing to donate to the Auction. You may give those items to Bob Baxter, David Dodge, Sally Ann Mowrey, to any SIG leader or to me. We will ensure that they make it to the Auction. The following guidelines apply to donated items:

1. Software that runs on operating systems older than Windows 98SE will not be accepted. (We are considering changing the oldest acceptable Windows version to Windows 2000.)
2. No computer add-in cards that plug into an ISA bus will be accepted.
3. Donated items need to be complete enough to be easily used by the buyer. Each item should be in the original box if possible. If necessary, a substitute box may be used. Items that came with installation software and documentation should have those items in the box with the item.
4. Items that do not receive bids during the Auction will not be held over to the next Auction. Members who donate items are requested to put their names on the items and to take any items not receiving bids home with them at the end of the Auction.
5. Any PCs that are donated should be based on at least a Pentium III with a speed of 1 GHz or higher.
6. Printers must have drivers for Windows 98SE or newer operating systems. Also, ink or toner cartridges must still be available for purchase. A USB connection to the PC/laptop is preferred but not mandatory.

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The last time that I was at the North Bellevue Community Center, the work on the parking lots was continuing. Obviously, they did not finish as quickly as they had hoped so we will have to be careful around the construction for a while longer. Please be alert for route blockages and other construction restrictions. It will be a mess for a while longer. As you have observed, the parking lot capacity will be reduced while the work is ongoing. You may want to carpool when you attend SIGs at NBCC during the construction.

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

Ron Cowger
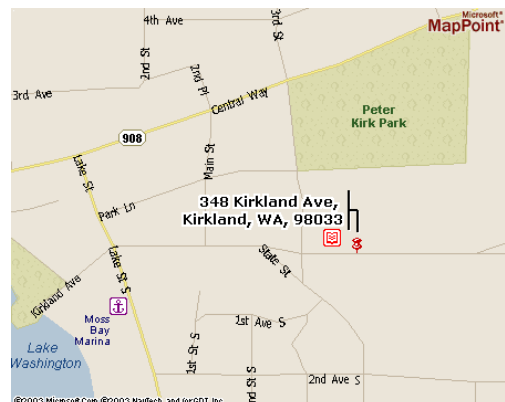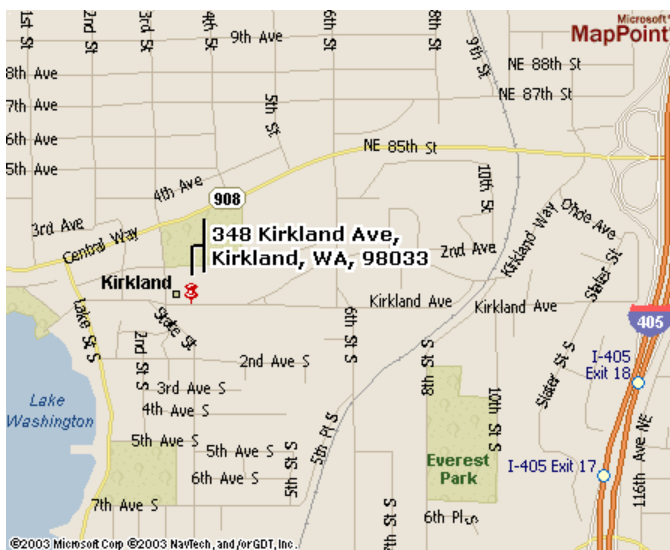President

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 up-coming meetings.

KEGS T-shirts

Remember, you score extra KEGABUCK$ when you wear your KEGS shirts to SIGS and the General Meetings! We still have a few left of various sizes. Then we will order more. So why wait? Pick yours up at the next meeting.

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

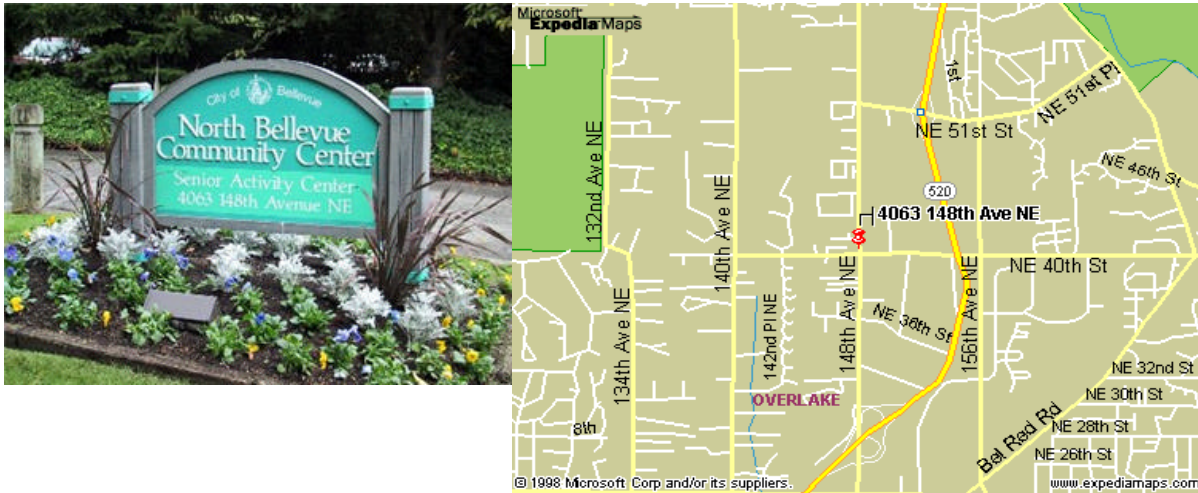| Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	NBCSC Computer Lab Support j_m_mraz@hotmail.com	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group seasigi@kegs.org	Judy Panjeti & Marianne Wilkins
2nd Tuesday	7 PM -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