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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

I apologize for this column being posted later than I had wished. We have been scrambling to put together the program for the August General Meeting. Late in July, we were offered the opportunity to incorporate a webinar into the evening's events. Since then, we have been working on setting up the hardware and making program modifications to make it all come together. I think you will be happy with the results.

First, let me make a few comments about the program that we had in July. If you attended, you know that we had a very interesting presentation from Kevin Saito, a Supervisory Special Agent from the FBI who spoke to us on several different aspects of the agency's efforts to identify and fight cyber crime. He talked about scams, malware, phishing schemes and other efforts to gather private information and/or take money from unsuspecting computer users and companies. His presentation was insightful on a broad scale but lacked somewhat on specific actions that home computer users should take to protect themselves. I, for one, had hoped for a few more specifics. However, I think all of us gained a reinforced appreciation for all of the threats that exist on the Internet and how cautious we have to be to protect ourselves and our information.

As I mentioned above, in August, we are going to add a feature to the General Meeting program that I hope you will find interesting and helpful. Gene Barlow will present a short mini-webinar between our normal Q and A period and the main presentation of the evening. The focus of the mini-webinar will be a technical presentation on software that our members have purchased from Gene in the past. The webinar is planned to last about fifteen minutes and gives our members an opportunity to ask questions about Acronis software and clarify features that they may not fully understand. I encourage you to come to the meeting armed with your questions.

David Dodge has offered to give us a technology update as our main presentation for the August General Meeting. At this time, I do not have many details about the exact subjects that he intends to cover but based on previous talks by David, I am always amazed at some of the new, faster and more powerful hardware that seems to come out practically every month. I hope that you will come to the meeting to learn what new devices are available. You will then be a more knowledgeable customer when the time comes for you to either buy a new computer or to upgrade your current one.



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Prez Says: continued

Again, I will mention KEGS membership. Our group membership is now up to sixty-one computer enthusiasts so we are still three short of the level at which we finished last year. However, with five 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.

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

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.

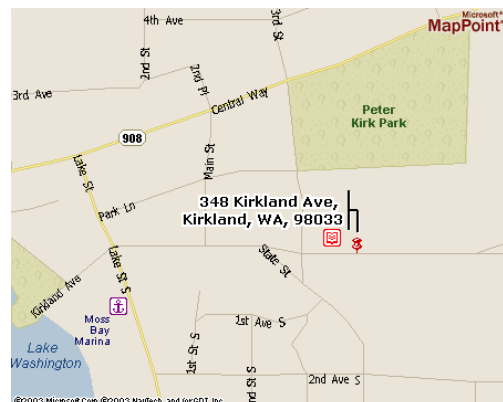
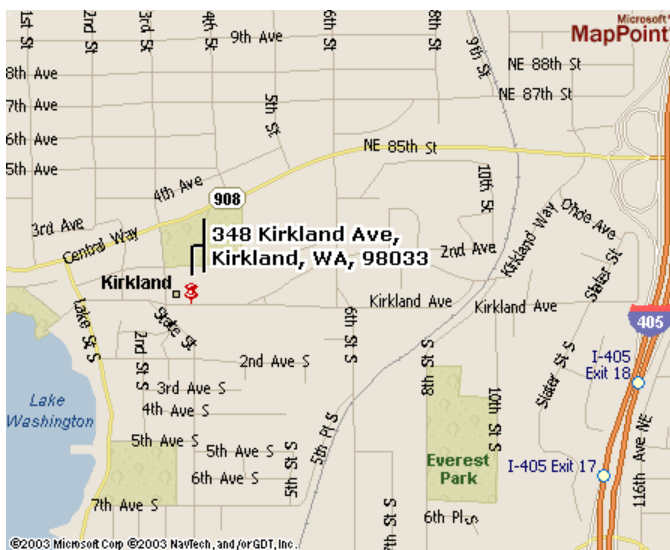
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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	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

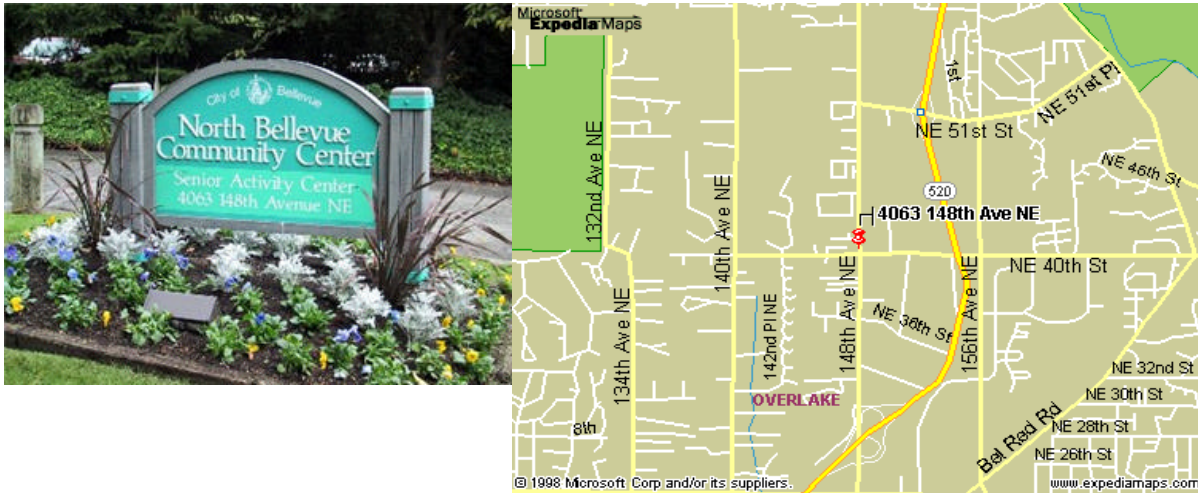
SIG Meeting Locations:

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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