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## Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

As we enter the second month of this new decade, we look back on the warmest January ever recorded in Seattle. Wow, what an unusual winter month it was. Many of the plants in our yard are forming buds as they are confused as to the time of year and think that it's spring. I hope that we don't get a hard freeze in the next couple of months as that would surely damage the plants and we would have disappointing flowers and foliage during the upcoming summer. Anyway, it's raining today, since I washed our car a couple of days ago, so I'll use the indoor time to write my monthly column

As I mentioned last month, David Dodge is still seeking input from any KEGS member who has an idea that might help him re-focus the Windows SIG. He is asking folks to tell him what type of information on operating systems, network issues, hardware, or any other topics that would draw more attendees to the SIG meetings that he hosts. David has a broad background of technical information and is trying to focus the presentations at the Windows SIG on topics that are of broader interest to the KEGS membership. Please contact him with your ideas. His contact information is on the KEGS website under the Windows SIG entry.

I hope that each of you found the January General Meeting presentation on Cons and Scams interesting. I thought Mr. Quist's presentation was very insightful and some of the information even a little scary. Sometimes it seems like everywhere one turns there is someone trying to take his/her assets or identity information. I found the presenter's hints about what to watch out for and things we should do to defend ourselves very helpful. I hope it was useful to each of you, also.

Sally Ann has arranged another interesting speaker for our February General Meeting. Herb Johnson from the Mountaineer Club will give us a presentation on "Vacation Photography – Cameras, Computers and Tips." If you've ever gone on a vacation, come home and then found that you were disappointed in the photos that you took, I think this presentation will help you avoid that situation. Sometimes we go on trips to places to which we may never return. It's especially disappointing when the photos of those places are substandard or fail to capture the subject well. Herb will deliver an image and graphics presentation on how to get the most out of your vacation photography. I hope to see you there.

So far this year, forty-seven computer enthusiasts have renewed their memberships in



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KEGS. Thanks very much for your confidence in the organization. We finished 2009 with our group membership at sixty-three. We still need to focus on building our membership in the New Year. I encourage those of you who have not yet done so to renew your memberships as soon as possible. Renewal forms are available from John Tate, our Treasurer, or you can fill out the form on the KEGS web site, print it out and send it along with your check to the address shown on the form. An even easier way would be to bring your completed form and your check to the next General Meeting and give it to John there.

We will have some special door prizes at the next two General Meetings. Sandhill Publications, the company that publishes Smart Computing magazine, is discontinuing their user group support program under which we earned one free subscription for every five member subscriptions that were purchased. However, in appreciation for the subscriptions that our members have purchased through the years, they are giving us four one-year subscriptions to give away by April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be including two one-year subscriptions as door prizes at each of the next two KEGS General Meetings. I understand that these subscriptions can be either for new subscribers or as extensions on subscriptions already held by our members. Good luck. I hope you win one.

That's it for now. I hope to see each of you at the February General Meeting or at your favorite SIG. I wish you 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 <a href="mailto:betacode@hotmail.com">betacode@hotmail.com</a>	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 <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	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 Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group <a href="mailto:seasigi@kegs.org">seasigi@kegs.org</a>	Marianne Wilkins
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	WIN 95/98/XP/?? <a href="mailto:daviddodge1@compuserve.com">daviddodge1@compuserve.com</a>	David Dodge
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Laptop SIG <a href="mailto:ctheprof@aol.com">ctheprof@aol.com</a>	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue <a href="mailto:j_m_mraz@hotmail.com">j_m_mraz@hotmail.com</a> (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	Ron Cowger
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Digital Imaging SIG <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-996-5635
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	HTML SIG <a href="mailto:jackbewitch@comcast.net">jackbewitch@comcast.net</a>	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960

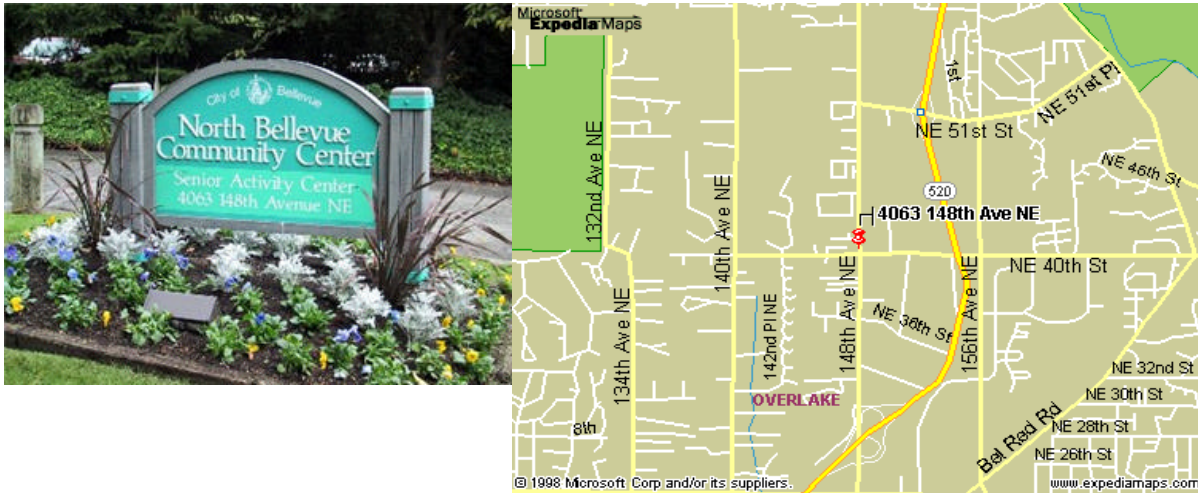
## SIG Meeting Locations:

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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