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It is now coming into May, and with it technology companies are starting to develop for the Christmas season releases.

As reported last month, the Nokia 900 has been released and has been a huge success. If you are looking for a Phone 7 based phone and are with AT&T or considering switching to them, I would recommend it. It has gotten very good reviews. For those of you though that have a while to go before you can renew, Phone 8 Apollo is in development and is currently in early hardware compatibility testing. Also there is talk that weather phone 7 phones will be able to upgrade to phone 8. Though there has not been any official word from Microsoft either way, we will have to see how things go. If you decide you want to get something now and hope to go to Phone 8 later, you might want to hold off for a couple months.

For those thinking of upgrading to Windows 8, you might want to hold out a bit longer. As announced at the Windows Developer Days conference this last month, the release candidate will be coming out in early June. What this also means is that there will probably be release fairs starting in the July/August time period. For those of you that haven't used Windows 8 yet, be prepared for a learning curve. The last time there was this big of a change in the interface was Windows 3.11 to Windows 95. The desktop mode will still be for the most part like what you are used to. Without the start button you will have to learn how to navigate around in the metro mode. Also with Windows 8 comes Internet Explorer 10 which will include HTML 5, and if you install the 64 bit version of Windows 8, has very limited capability with Flash and Silverlight based websites unless you do some tweaking.

Microsoft just signed a contract with Barnes and Noble to take on Apple and Amazon in the digital reader market. From news reports, this deal will mean that there will be an application for the Nook available for Windows 8 later this year. What this means is, if you are looking at upgrading your nook, you will be able to get a nook, or any slate that runs Windows 8, which will give you a huge increase in the



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number and types of hardware you can consider. See <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/newsbysector/mediatechnologyandtelecoms/9236427/Microsoft-and-Barnes-and-Noble-take-on-Amazons-Kindle-with-300m-deal.html>.

As this is the 50th anniversary of the Seattle World's Fair, there are a lot of different books and such being released. I came across this while looking around; people that were there or people that have just heard stories, like me, would be interested in looking at this site: <http://www.worldsfairphotos.com/century21/index.htm>.

Just when you thought you couldn't go any faster for wireless with your 802.11N connection, there is a new standard in town which is going under the IEEE designation of 802.11AC, and it is promising speeds up to 1.3Gigabits per second. Broadcom is going to release the first chipset later this year, but Netgear is saying they will have an 802.11AC capable AP this month. There is nothing yet that will do that speed with it yet, but if you just have to have the best, you might want to check it out. To read more about it, check out the article at ZDNet: <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/networking/80211ac-gigabit-wi-fi-devices-will-be-shipping-in-2012/1867>.

A reminder to everyone that the Auction is only one month away and we are in need of items. We are in need of donations of hardware, software, and other computer related items that you believe may be of use to other KEGS members. In order to help ensure that the items donated would be of interest to the general membership, the Board of Directors has developed some guidelines for items being contributed. If you have any items to donate, please give them to either a board member or SIG leader, and they will get passed along to the people that are setting up the auction. Make sure to label the item with your name and a brief description of the item.

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AUCTION DONATION GUIDELINES

1. Only software that runs on operating systems of Windows XP or newer will be accepted.
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 bidder. 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 at least a Pentium IV with a speed of 1.6 GHz or higher.
6. Printers need to have Windows XP or newer drivers and ink/toner cartridges should be available. USB connections are preferred but not required.
7. No CRT monitors will be accepted.

KEGS GENERAL MEETING AND ASSOCIATED SIGS

KEGS T-shirts/Vests

Remember, you score extra KEGABUCK\$ 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	Conf. room D	HTML SIG jackbewitch@comcast.net	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Seattle Internet User Group seasigi@kegs.org	Marianne Wilkins
2nd 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
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Computer Use and Optimization ctheprof@aol.com	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Servers, Networks and Storage daviddodge1@compuserve.com	David Dodge
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office (SOHO) r_cowger@prodigy.net	Ron Cowger
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Digital Imaging SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-996-5635
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS Board Meeting r_cowger@prodigy.net	Ron Cowger

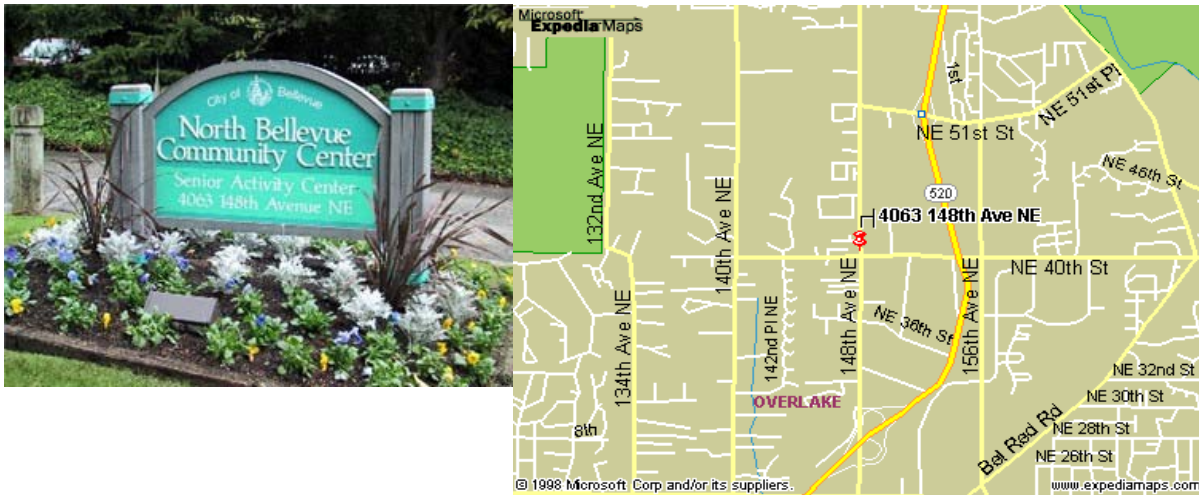
SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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 The North Bellevue Community / Senior Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA Conf. Rm D, 7-9 PM on the 4 Wed. of the month (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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To submit articles or software reviews for incorporation into this Newsletter, please send them to: newsletter@kegs.org