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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Jon Mercer

We are now into April and with it hopefully the beginning of things being drier and warmer. So far so good with the weather the last part of March, if you ignore that day of snow on the first day of spring!

As I reported last month, Internet Explorer 10 for Windows 7 was released and is now being pushed through Windows Update as an important update. So when you do your updates, and if you don't want it yet, be careful that IE 10 isn't selected. If it is installed and you don't want it, you can go in to Windows Update in the Control Panel and select show installed updates. Internet Explorer 10 will be in the list. Just select it, uninstall, reboot, and you should be back to IE9. I tried it out at home, and the browser seems to be working fine after going back to IE9.

If you want a projector that can show up to 100 inches on your wall, but you only have a couple of feet between your couch and the wall, you normally wouldn't be able to do it with a standard bulb-based projector. LG has come out with what they call a Laser TV projector. Instead of using a bulb it uses lasers to create the image so you can have a 100-inch image and your projector only has to be two feet from the wall. The image is as good as a flat panel HDTV and at \$8999 is a lot cheaper than a 100-inch TV. <http://www.popsci.com/gadgets/article/2013-03/big-screen-small-room>



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As NASA starts to get out of the orbital delivery business and moves back to what it should be doing in space exploration, private companies are being licensed by NASA to take care of things such as satellite deployment and resupplying of the space station with supplies and people. Later this year, the main private launch company SpaceX will launch its SpaceX Falcon Heavy which will be the most powerful rocket in the world. The Saturn V is the only rocket ever that has been more powerful. Currently SpaceX has done a couple of launches to the International Space Station delivering supplies with its Falcon 9 spacecraft with pretty good success.

<http://www.popsci.com/science/article/2013-03/most-powerful-space-rocket>

As was mentioned at the last general meeting, Windows 8 has a fair number of shortcut keys that can be used to help navigate around. Some of the ones I use a fair amount are.

Windows + X = System Options

Windows + C = Charm Bar

Windows + D = Desktop

Here is another reminder that our Auction is coming up soon so don't forget to start gathering items that you would like to donate.

See the next page for "Auction Donation Guidelines".

Jon Mercer — President



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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 Peter Kirk Community / Senior Center - 325 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
2nd Monday	6 PM - 7 PM	Kirkland's Peter Kirk Community Center	Technology Corner betacode@hotmail.com	Steve Fondren
2nd Monday	7 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland's Peter Kirk Community Center	KEGS General Meeting	
2nd Monday	9:30 PM - ? PM	Outback Steakhouse 12120 NE 85 th, Kirkland	Pig SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-902-7381

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 Peter Kirk Community Center / Senior Center is part of a string of three connected buildings. At the street (Kirkland Way) is Kirkland's Performance Center (350 Kirkland Ave.), then comes the Peter Kirk Community 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
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 206-902-7381
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS Board Meeting r_cowger@prodigy.net	Jon Mercer

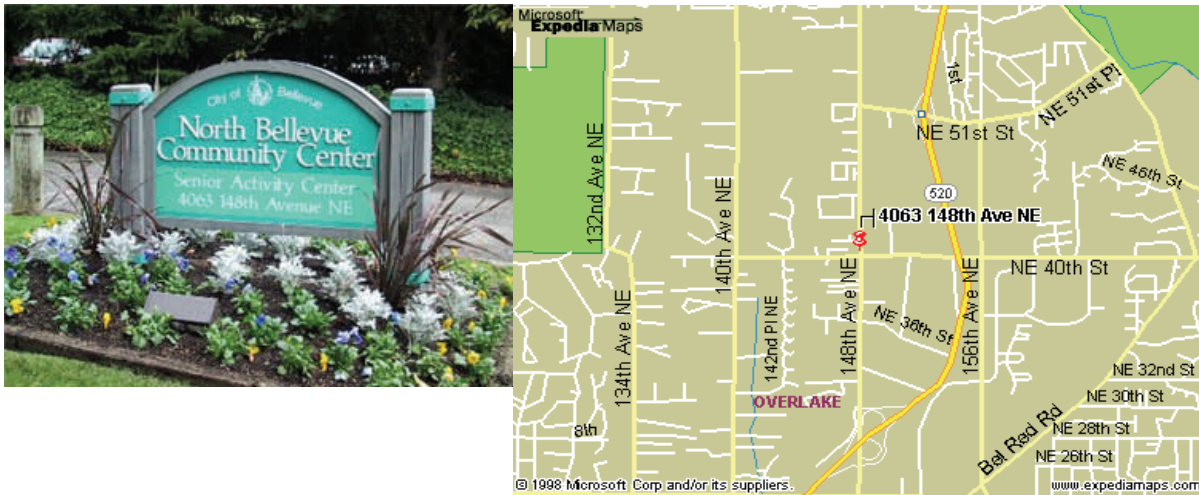
SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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