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Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that you had a wonderful time over the holidays and that your "Santa" brought you something that you really wanted. Perhaps, if you got a new electronic device for Christmas, you can tell us about it at a future meeting so that we can all gain some insight as to what new exciting gadgets are out there on the market, what they can do, and how well they work.

For those of you who may not have gotten around to paying your 2015 KEGS dues, please pay them as soon as possible. You may give your check to our Treasurer, John Tate, or you may mail it to him at the address shown on the Membership Renewal form. Please spell out "Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle (KEGS)" as the addressee on your envelope as the post office folks don't seem to know who KEGS is even though you put the correct P. O Box number in the address on the envelope. Don't ask me why.... Remember, you may not win drawing prizes at the General Meeting or at any SIGs that offer them UNTIL your 2015 dues are paid.

The presentation topic for the January General Meeting is planned to be about Windows 10. From what I've heard and read about the new operating system that is still under development, most reviewers like it and it appears to solve most of the complaints that folks have had concerning Windows 8 and 8.1. I hope that you plan to attend the meeting on the 12th as I'm confident that you will find the information interesting and helpful.

I want to express a very appreciative "Thank you" to Jon Mercer for serving as our KEGS President for the last two years. As most of you know, Jon is still a hard working, fully employed fellow whose job is quite demanding and frequently requires him to travel on short notice. I'm sure we all appreciate his working his KEGS duties into his unusually busy schedule. I'm happy to report that he will still be on the Board as a Member at Large as well as the leader of the Computer Support SIG so we can still gain from his knowledge and experience concerning computer hardware and software. Thanks again, Jon.

Now that we are getting into the winter months, I want to remind you to check the KEGS Calendar on our website when there is bad weather in the area as last minute meeting cancellations will be noted there whenever possible. The main calendar is often more up-to-date than the SIG Meetings pages so please check the KEGS Calendar. Also, remember that the North Bellevue Community Center closes whenever the Bellevue School District has a closure due to bad weather. That's another good source of information when you think a SIG may have been cancelled due to bad weather.



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One of the most challenging things that our Vice President has to do each month is come up with a presenter and a topic for each of our General Meetings. As you may know, until about five or six years ago for the January General Meeting is planned to be Windows 10. From what I'r Seattle asago, vendors were often willing to send a sales representative to our meetings to demonstrate their products to our members and these vendors would often offer some of their products for our use as drawing prizes. Those days seem to be gone forever. Due to the expense involved, most companies do not send sales folks to User Group meetings anymore and almost none give away products for use as drawing prizes. Perhaps you can help Sally Ann by letting her know about any announcements you hear or read concerning new computer products made by local companies or even new software companies that you hear about that are in our local area. It's often easier to get a local company to send out a representative than try to get someone to travel to our area. I'm sure Sally Ann would appreciate any insight or ideas that you may come across. Please keep this issue in mind as you read various news stories or surf the Internet.

That's about it for this month. I wish you happy and safe computing, and I look forward to seeing you at the General Meeting or at one of the several SIGs that KEGS sponsors.

Ron Cowger — President

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
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue endeavor@frontier.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Jon Mercer
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Seattle Internet User Group (SEASIG) gary.skelton@gmail.com	Gary Skelton 425-861-7813
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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