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Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

As I write this column, many of us, myself included, are looking forward with great anticipation to the Super Bowl Game on February 1st. Many of us have surfed the web looking up information on the teams, players, the stadium and other items of interest concerning the game. Isn't it great to have such a vast array of information about various topics that is so easy to find on the Internet? In fact, a "question of the day" on one of the local newscasts recently noted that the average person in the United States does four Internet searches per day. I guess that is about right for most of the folks that I know but I'm sure lots of people do many more searches. It's just so easy and tempting to "just Google it." In our ever evolving tech language, Google has become a verb. Things are always changing...

At our most recent meeting of the Board, it was reported that forty-one of our members from last year had renewed their membership in KEGS. That number is slightly higher than our member count was at the end of January last year and I want to thank all of you for paying your dues so quickly. I strongly encourage those of you who have not yet paid your dues to do so as soon as you can. We need your membership, enjoy having you as a member and look forward to seeing each of you at future meetings. You can pay your dues by filling out a renewal form and giving the form and a check for your dues to our Treasurer, John Tate, or by mailing it to our address as shown on the KEGS website. Please be sure to spell out Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle and follow it with (KEGS) when filling out the address on your envelope. The folks at USPS apparently need both in order to ensure that your information gets to our P. O. Box.

The presentation subject for the February General Meeting is going to emphasize computer security. As you may have heard before, the only computer/mobile device that is completely safe from the perils of hackers and other risks on the Internet is one that is never connected to the web. But what good would a computer be if the user only used it that way? Not much. Anyway, our speaker will discuss password security and a password manager called LastPass. Obviously, we all need to use strong passwords to protect the information on our computers and avoid being hacked by someone that can do us harm. The presentation will give you helpful tips about protecting your computer. I hope that you plan to attend the meeting on the 9th as I'm confident that you will find the information both interesting and useful.

At the most recent meeting of the Board of Directors, the members voted to use a nominal portion of the Group's funds to purchase items that would then be used as drawing prizes at our General Meetings. As I've mentioned before, other sources of items to use in our drawings have dried up over time so we are going to see if we can fill the desire to have drawing prizes using our own resources. You can help with this undertaking. If you see an unusually good deal on a tech product available at a local store, for under \$15.00, please let a member of the Board know about it right



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away. Sometimes these “good deals” are time limited so we may have to act quickly. We Board members will also be watching for good deals but more searchers can be very productive. Any help from KEGS members on this undertaking will be greatly appreciated.

That’s about it for this month. Don’t forget to buy your spouse or significant other a nice Valentine’s Day present if you want to stay out of the “dog house.” 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.

Go Hawks!

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 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	Ron Cowger

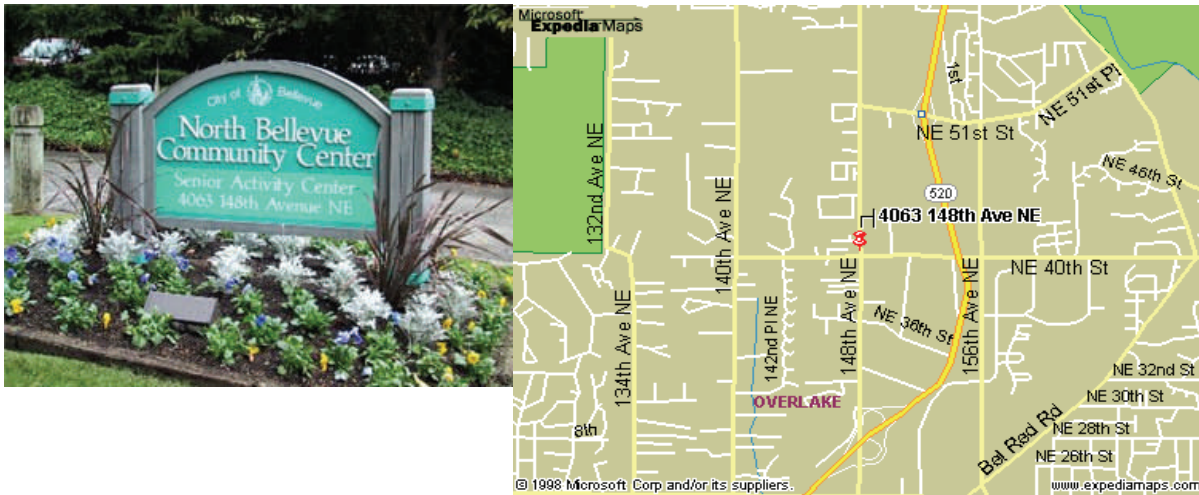
SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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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