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Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

In last month's newsletter, I briefly addressed a couple of ways that many of us use the Internet to find information that we need or want to enhance or broaden our insight into the world around us. My wife and I took a trip south last month to seek sunshine and warmth, and I found it interesting to look back on how much we used various web sites to get information that helped us plan and enjoy our travels. I used long-range weather forecasts to plan what type of clothing we should take along. Additionally, we used Trip Advisor and Yelp to augment our knowledge of where to eat and what activities might be worth our attention. We used reservation services to buy tickets for travel and to various activities we attended and, equally important, to confirm the working hours of businesses that we wanted to visit. As you probably know, almost all hotels, motels and resorts now offer some form of Wi-Fi access, usually free, on their premises for their guests. If they don't have this service, some customers are reluctant to even use their facilities. However, it's worth noting that we treat these "public" Wi-Fi connections differently than more secure connections and restrict the types of things we do on line while away from home. We don't do banking or access any other sites that contain personal information that might be of use to a hacker. As most of us will agree, the Internet contains a lot of excellent, useful information but users still have to be careful about how they use the Internet to avoid accidentally giving someone they do not know or trust access to their personal, important information. As one of the characters on a very popular police show several years ago used to say, "Be careful out there."

At our most recent meeting of the Board, it was reported that forty-four of our members from last year had renewed their memberships in KEGS. That number is slightly lower than our end-of-year membership for 2014 so there are still several former members who have not yet renewed their memberships. 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 components of our address in order to ensure that your letter gets to our P. O. Box.

As you may recall, the presenter that was scheduled to come to our February General Meeting had to cancel due to illness but he plans to join us this month. Therefore, the presentation subject for the March General Meeting is going to emphasize computer security. Our speaker will discuss password security and a password manager called Last Pass. 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 and



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your information. 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.

That's about it for this month. For those of you who have a little Irish blood in your veins, I wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day. I think during the middle of March we all feel prone to help the Irish celebrate their special holiday, right? 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 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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