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Prez Says:

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If you are like most of us, one of your primary uses of your computer is accessing information and entertainment sites on the Internet. Most of us write an occasional letter in Word and/or prepare an occasional spreadsheet in Excel if we are tracking information that lends itself to a spreadsheet, but most of our time is spent using a browser to access the Internet. Statistics show that many folks don't get a daily newspaper anymore but instead get their news from either TV or the Internet. We also look up definitions and research other information on the Internet. Many folks use the term Google as a verb..."Just Google it and you'll get your answer." Some of us haven't been in a public library for years as we have most of the information that we need accessible on our home computer. So now comes the question – When did you last go to the KEGS website to check meeting schedules or seek other user group information that you wanted? The Board is always interested in keeping the information on the KEGS website up to date and useful. I think you'll agree that our web site is our "face to the outside world" as nonmembers probably look there to learn more about our organization. Therefore, the site should be attractive, useful and informative. If you don't find the site to be useful to you, please let one of the members of the Board know so that we can try to implement any suggestions that you may have. Please give it some thought.

If you attended the September General Meeting I hope that you enjoyed the presentation by Rob Monkman concerning the REACT Mobile application and the Sidekick Personal Safety Button. He referred to the two items as making up a "personal safety platform." It's unfortunate that in today's world we are sometimes in situations such as walking alone at night in an uncomfortable area or even driving home when we are not completely comfortable with the environment, the weather, the routing or some other factor. I thought the device that he demonstrated provided some very useful features and could be used either to increase a user's comfort level or to contact help if needed or both. Clearly, some of our members agreed that the devices looked promising as several bought some of the devices from Rob at a generous discount.



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Also starting in October, we will be looking for members who are interested in serving on the KEGS Board of Directors. I encourage each of you to consider volunteering some of your time to help run our user group. The Board meets once a month for less than two hours so most jobs on the Board don't take too much of a member's time. If you feel that the organization needs some new ideas and fresh faces on the Board, please volunteer to serve for a year. Just tell any member of the Board that you are interested and he/she will give your name to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee this year consists of Sally Ann Mowrey, Jon Mercer and me. Thanks for giving it some thought. The election of members of the Board of Directors will be held in December at the General Meeting.

That's it for now. I will see you at the General Meeting or at one of our SIGs. I wish you happy and safe computing!

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 (SEASIGI) 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

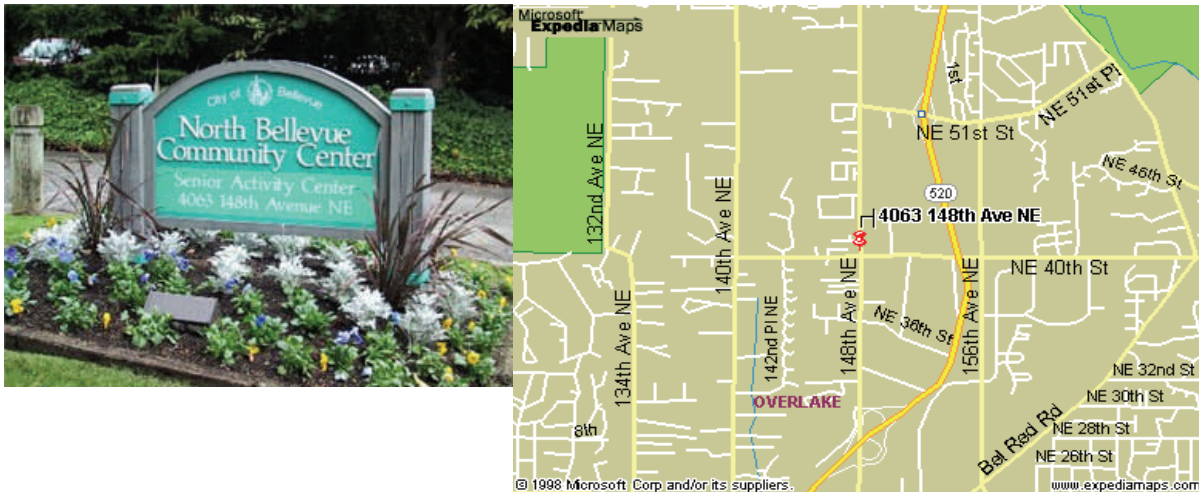
SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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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