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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Welcome to March in the Pacific Northwest. As I write this column we are between heavy rain showers that are predicted to recur off and on for the next six or seven days. Let's hope that the old saying about March "coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb" holds true this year. I'm ready for a few dry days in a row so that I can get some yard work done. The weeds in our yard and gardens are doing great but the plants that are supposed to be there need a lot of attention. I don't want to get one of those "unkempt yard..." notices from our homeowners' association. I've got to get to work soon but I'm sort of a fair-weather yard worker so I need some sun.

At the most recent meeting of the Board, it was reported that thirty-nine of our members from last year had renewed their memberships in KEGS. That number is eleven fewer than our end-of-year membership for 2015 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 form and check get to our P. O. Box.

I don't know how you felt about the information that was presented about home security cameras at the last General Meeting. It was a good presentation but I was somewhat disappointed to learn that selecting, installing and configuring these devices is quite a bit harder than I had imagined. I got the impression that most of us would have a hard time getting a useful system up and running without a lot of help. I guess I'm going to have to hold off for a while to install a home security system that includes cameras. I'll wait until the folks who sell the cameras and the software that is needed to support them can develop equipment and applications that are a little more user-friendly.

At last month's General Meeting, several of our members expressed interest in using Facebook. As you may already know, it is important that if you use this popular social media application that you are very conscious of the fact that your postings may be seen by folks with whom you didn't mean to communicate. I think we have all heard of folks who put information on Facebook that ultimately led to someone using that information to harm them or their property. Several times I've read of folks who had their homes broken into while they were away and there was some indication that the perpetrator knew they weren't home because their Facebook page showed that they were out of town. This is just one example of a posting that can easily lead to unhappy results. If you're going to use Facebook to communicate with family members and friends, you should carefully configure your "page" so that only the folks that you want to see it can access your postings. This and other important information will be covered at April's General Meeting.



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I mentioned at last month's General Meeting that KEGS was purchasing a new, larger screen for the use of those who attend our SIG meetings that are held in Classroom D at the NBCC. I am pleased to report that the screen has been ordered and we are expecting it to arrive this month. The folks from the City of Bellevue will mount the screen so I don't know exactly when it will be installed but I'm excited about having a new, larger image on the screen. This will make it easier for all SIG attendees to see the information being presented and discussed.

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.

I hope to see you on March 14th.

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 cavp_95@outlook.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

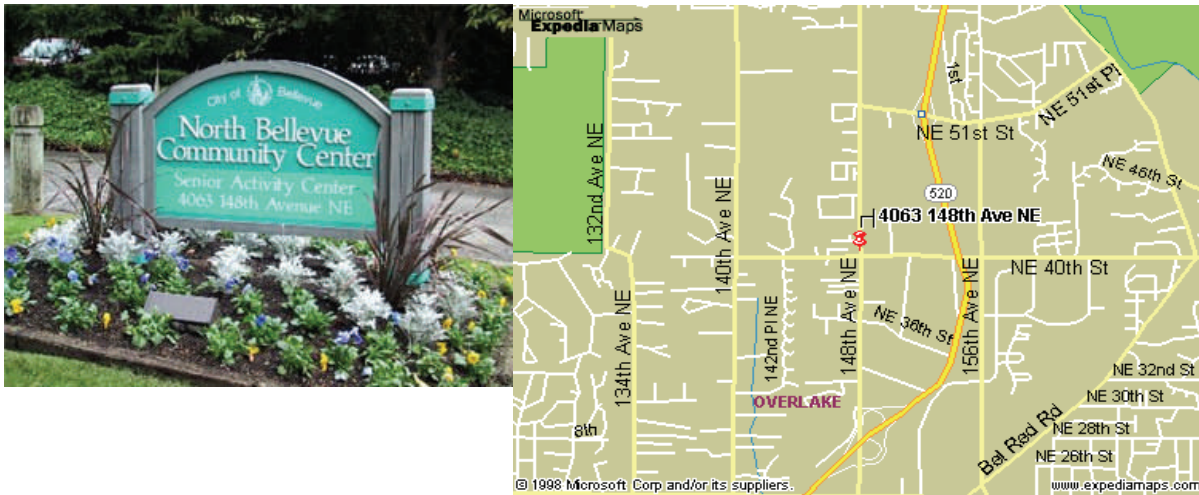
SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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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