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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

## *Prez Says:*

**Ron Cowger**

I hope that those of you who attended the Annual KEGaBuck\$ Auction last month had a good time at the event. There were lots of great items available for your bidding, with several items that were brand new; never having been out of the box. I want to offer a special “thank you” to the generous folks who donated the new, unused items to the auction. According to our notes, the highest number of KEGaBuck\$ that were bid on a single item was 7,500. On the other end of the scale, several items went for only fifty KEGaBuck\$ so no member should be lamenting that he/she “couldn’t afford to bid on anything.” We all owe a big “Thank you” to all of the folks who donated items and to the members who worked hard to make the auction run smoothly. A special “thanks” goes out to Sally Ann who was involved in almost every aspect of preparing for and conducting the auction. Unfortunately, I was out of town during most of the last-minute preparations but she made sure that all of the pre-auction chores were completed. This auction was my third effort as KEGS auctioneer. I had a good time and hope you did, too. Thanks to Gordon Young for helping out with the auctioneer duties. Great job by all involved! Thanks again!

The topic of the presentation at the July General Meeting will be Ransomware/ Crypto Viruses. Obviously, this is a timely subject in light of the numerous ransomware attacks that have been in the news lately. Please remember that the July General Meeting will be held at the Bellevue Regional Library at 1111 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE in Bellevue. As you may recall, we cannot meet at the Peter Kirk Community Center during July or August as they have another activity that uses their main meeting room during those months. I hope to see each of you at the General Meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> in Bellevue.

Continuing on the subject of hacking attacks against various computers, both personal and those belonging to organizations, I find it very interesting that most experts agree that many of the attacks could have been avoided had the operators/ owners of the hacked computers merely kept up with the various updates that are distributed by Microsoft and other companies that provide popular software. This fact should motivate each of us to check often for updates to important software such as operating systems and anti-virus programs. As I’m sure you know, updates are released very frequently. It’s in our best interest to install them as soon as possible!



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We must keep trying to recruit new members for KEGS and encouraging anyone who has not yet renewed his/her membership to do so. Renewal forms are available at [www.kegs.org](http://www.kegs.org); just fill one out, print it and send it along with your check to the address shown on the form. An even easier way would be to bring your completed form and your check/cash to the next General Meeting and give them to Dick as you sign in for the meeting.

As many of you know, KEGS is a member of the national user group organization called Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG). One of the benefits that you may not be aware of is the ability that all of us have to access computer-related videos that have been created by APCUG experts on many different topics. Just go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for APCUG and I am sure that you will find video presentations on one or more topics that are of interest to you.

Lastly, I must sadly report that one of our long-time members of KEGS passed away about ten days ago. Barbara Marasco was a hard-working and important member of our organization and gave many hours of her time and talents to serving on our Board and performing the many chores associated with maintaining our membership database. She was a very caring person who was always friendly and helpful to her many friends and acquaintances. We will miss her very much.

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/Caps

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 <a href="mailto:betacode@hotmail.com">betacode@hotmail.com</a>	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 <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	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 ([CLICK HERE](#)) 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 <a href="mailto:endeavor@frontier.com">endeavor@frontier.com</a> (Computer repair & maintenance)	Jon Mercer
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Seattle Internet User Group (SEASIGI) <a href="mailto:gary.skelton@gmail.com">gary.skelton@gmail.com</a>	Gary Skelton 425-861-7813
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Computer Use and Optimization <a href="mailto:cavp_95@outlook.com">cavp_95@outlook.com</a>	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office (SOHO) <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	Ron Cowger
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Digital Imaging SIG <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-902-7381
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS Board Meeting <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	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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