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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

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Here we are in November, the beginning of the holiday season and the second month during which you can renew your membership and earn the designation of Early Bird on your new membership card. This popular designation will earn you an additional drawing ticket each month when you sign in for the General Meeting. Remember, the signup period during which you can earn Early Bird status is from October 1st through December 31st. Why not renew your membership as soon as possible so that you won't get distracted during the busy Holiday Season and forget to complete this simple chore? Membership renewal forms are available from Dick Arensberg, our Treasurer, or you can fill out the form on the KEGS web site, print it out 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 it to Dick there.

As you do your own Christmas shopping and if you order items from Amazon I hope you will remember to log into smile.amazon.com and designate Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle as the beneficiary of the Amazon Smile non-profit donations that result from your purchases. Your purchases will not cost you any more than normal but KEGS will get a small donation to our funds as a result of your purchases. Every little bit helps…

I hope that those of you who attended the October General Meeting gained some useful insight into things you should be doing to make the time that you spend on the Internet a little less frightening. As I'm sure you will agree, safely surfing the net is not easy these days and requires each of us to be alert for pitfalls and to install effective software on our computers that will help protect us from the many types of malware that exist on the Internet. The Webinar presentation that Bob Gostischa conducted was well organized and full of good information on "Staying Safe Online." I hope you enjoyed it and learned something new from the presentation.

The Nominating Committee is looking for members who would like to serve on the KEGS Board of Directors. I encourage each of you to consider volunteering some of your time to help run the user group. The Board only meets once a month for about two hours so most jobs on the Board don't take too much of a

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member's time. If you feel that the organization needs some new ideas and fresh faces on the Board, please volunteer to serve. 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, Gerald Smith and me. Thanks for giving it some genuine consideration.

As I'm sure most of you know, we have been wrestling with the problem of where to hold our monthly General Meetings since the folks at PKCC asked us to move to the smaller Sunset Room from the large room that we have used for several years. I think you'll agree that our attempt to use the smaller room for our GM in September was not very successful/comfortable. The Board has decided to hold future General Meetings in Classroom D of the NBCC as it is both larger and, for most folks, more convenient than the Sunset Room at PKCC. Please give your feedback to any member of the Board concerning whether you think the new location should be set up with the usual folding tables in place or if you think they should be removed for our meeting and the chairs set in theater style. For our first GM in this location we had a mix of both options and we are looking for input on what you think works best for the meeting. We'd really appreciate your input.

That's it for now. I hope to see each of you at an upcoming SIG or at the November General Meeting. Until then, I wish you happy and safe computing!

Ron Cowger — President

KEGS General Meeting
And Associated SIGs

KEGS General Meetings are held at
the **North Bellevue Community / Senior Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA**
On the second Monday of every month
(see the last page for driving instructions)

Our Pig SIG is held off site—please see the address below

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
2nd Monday	6 PM - 7 PM	Conf. room D	Technology Corner betacode@hotmail.com	Steve Fondren
2nd Monday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS General Meeting	
2nd Monday	9:30 PM - ? PM	Applebee's 13856 Bel Red Rd, Bellevue, WA 98005	Pig SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-816-9216

Please check our KEGS calendar (CLICK HERE) for actual dates AND POSSIBLE CANCELLATIONS of the upcoming meeting that you want to attend.

KEGS SIG Meetings:

Our SIG and Board Meetings are held at the

North Bellevue Community / Senior Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA
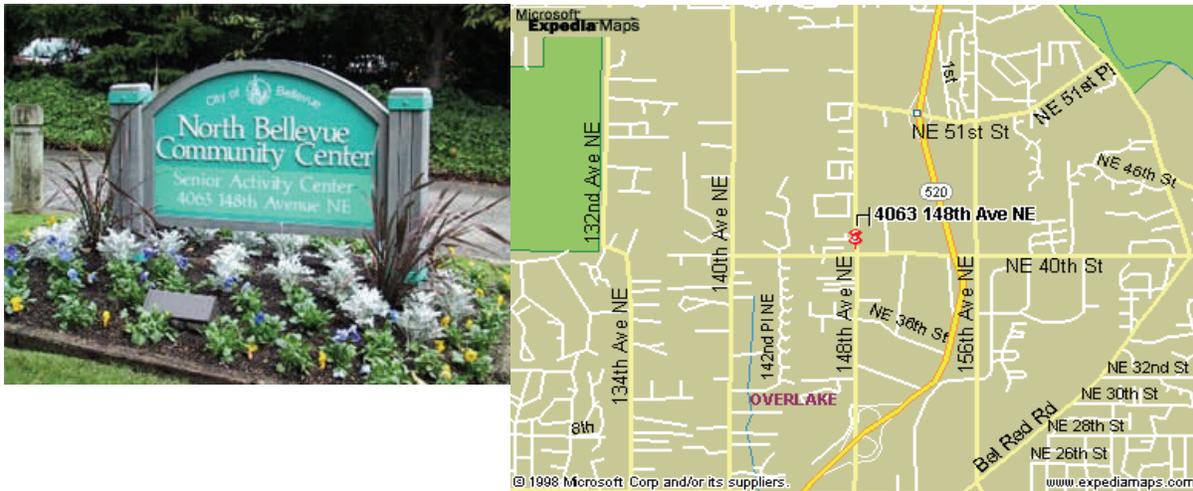
See last page for driving directions.

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Pool Room	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue endevor@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 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 206-816-9216
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	**KEGS Board Meeting** r_cowger@prodigy.net	Ron Cowger

KEGS Meeting Location

All KEGS Meetings are currently held at the **North Bellevue Community / Senior Center**
All KEGS meetings (including our Board meeting) are public and open to anyone who wants to attend.

Finding KEGS primary meeting location
North Bellevue Community / Senior Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA

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.	Contact us at: Email: board@kegs.org or **Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle (KEGS)** **PO Box 171** **Bellevue, WA 98009-0171**

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