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Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Ah, the Holiday season is indeed upon us. I hope that each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday including having an opportunity to share the day with family and/or good friends. Now it is time to tackle the challenges of preparing for Christmas while enjoying the season at the same time. Decorating the house and purchasing presents for friends and family members are often two time-consuming and challenging chores that sometimes detract some of us (yours truly included) from the otherwise wonderful season. Once I finish these chores, I can sit back and enjoy the other, more enjoyable, activities. Getting to that point is the tough part. Anyway, I really mean it when I say that I hope that you and yours have a fantastic holiday season.

If you missed the November General Meeting, you missed a very interesting and helpful presentation on the Ashampoo software development company and their many software utilities and tools. Andy Peck did a great job discussing several of the different utilities and even gave the group several activation numbers for some of the utilities for our use as door prizes. I want to thank Andy very much for the well-organized and interesting presentation and for the great/useful door prizes. I'm confident that everyone that attended the meeting learned some very useful information.

If you are one of the many folks who does some of his/her holiday shopping on Amazon.com, please remember that you can contribute a small percentage of the costs of your purchases to KEGS through the Amazon Smile program. KEGS, as a non-profit organization, qualifies for participation in this program and we have registered to do so. As of this October, KEGS has received \$106.90 from Amazon Smile. To contribute to KEGS using this program use your browser to go to smile.amazon.com and then sign in as you normally would to shop on the Amazon site. You will have an opportunity to select a charity to which you can contribute and you will have to use the search function to get to Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle. Yes, you will have to spell it out. Then you can "select" our organization as your Smile beneficiary and the system is set up. Smile.amazon.com will remember the organization that you selected and it will remain your selection until you take steps to change it. For future visits to shop at Amazon.com, just remember to log into <https://smile.amazon.com> for the contribution function to work. I made it easy by putting the special web site in the Favorites feature of my browser for future use. You could do the same. Remember, using this option does not cost you anything extra as you shop on the Amazon web site.

Please remember that the first part of the December General Meeting on December 10th will be dedicated to our annual election of members to serve on our Board of Directors. We are still looking for members who would be willing to serve on the Board for next year. I encourage each of you to consider volunteering some of your time to help run KEGS. The Board only 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



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some new ideas and fresh faces on the Board, or you just want to see what the Board does, 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, Jon Mercer and Gary Skelton. Thanks for giving the Board some thought. We need you and your ideas!

It's Early Bird time! I want to remind you that if you have not done so yet, you can renew your membership for next year right now. Remember, if you renew before December 31st, you will earn the designation of an Early Bird member. This designation gets you an additional, free drawing ticket each month when you sign in at the General Meetings.

That's it for now. I hope to see you soon at the General Meeting or at one of our SIGs. I wish you happy and safe computing! Also, I hope that you have a wonderful holiday season; however you may choose to celebrate it.

Ron Cowger — President

KEGS GENERAL MEETING AND ASSOCIATED SIGS

KEGS T-shirts/Vests/Caps

Remember, you score extra KEGABUCK\$ when you wear your KEGS shirt/vest/cap to SIG and the General meetings! (NOTE: This extra credit is not honored at the PIG SIG.)

We still have a few left of various sizes. So why wait? Pick yours up at the next general meeting.

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:

NEW SIG CHART

Notice that this SIG chart does not list 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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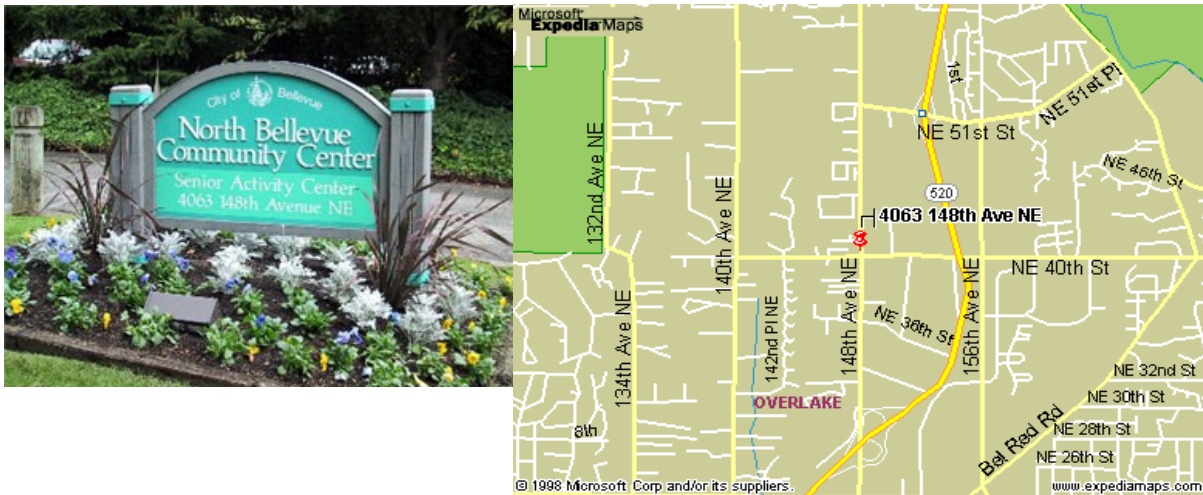
Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Pool Room	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue endeavor@frontier.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Jon Mercer
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Seattle Internet User Group (SEASIGI) gary.skelton@gmail.com	Gary Skelton 425-861-7813
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Computer Use and Optimization 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

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