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*Prez Says:*

**Jon Mercer**

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that you had a wonderful time over the holidays and that your “Santa” brought you something that you really wanted. Perhaps, if you got a new electronic device for Christmas, you can tell us about it at a future meeting so that we can all gain some insight as to what new, exciting, and hopefully useful, gadgets are out there on the market, what they can do and how well they perform the tasks for which they were designed.

For those of you who have not gotten around to paying your 2019 KEGS dues, please pay them as soon as possible. You may give your check to our Treasurer, Dick Arensberg, or you may mail it to him at the address shown on the Membership Renewal form. Remember, the KEGS rules do not allow you to win drawing prizes at the General Meeting or at any SIGs that offer them UNTIL your 2019 dues are paid. Thanks in advance for renewing your membership as soon as possible.

Now that we are getting into the winter months, I want to remind you to check the KEGS Calendar on our website when there is bad weather in the area as last-minute meeting cancellations will be noted there whenever possible. The main calendar is often more up-to-date than the SIG Meetings pages so please check the main KEGS Calendar. Also, remember that the North Bellevue Community Center closes whenever the Bellevue School District has a closure due to bad weather. That’s another good source of information when you think a SIG may have been cancelled due to bad weather. Lastly, under the heading of SIG meetings, please remember that NBCC has a planned closure for annual maintenance during the latter part of February this year. At this time, it looks like the only SIG that will be affected by the closure will be the Digital Imaging SIG. Our KEGS Calendar will soon reflect the exact dates for the maintenance closure. Hopefully, no other SIGs will be affected. However, we have been advised that if the maintenance takes longer than expected, the closure may be extended and additional SIGs may have to be cancelled. Again, please check the KEGS Calendar for current information as the dates get closer.

One of the most challenging things that our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President has to do each month is come up with a presenter and a topic for each of our General Meetings. As you may know, until about nine or ten years ago for the January General Meeting is planned to be Windows 10. From what I'r Seattle asago, vendors were often willing to send a sales representative to our meetings to demonstrate their products to our members and these vendors would often offer some of their products for our use as drawing prizes. Those days seem to be gone forever. Due to the expense involved, most companies do not send sales



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folks to User Group meetings anymore and almost none give away sample products for use as drawing prizes. Perhaps you can help Sally Ann in finding presenters by letting her know about any announcements you hear or read concerning new computer products made or sold by local companies or even new software companies that you hear about that are in our local area. It's often easier to get a local company to send out a representative than try to get someone to travel to our area. I'm sure Sally Ann would appreciate any insight or ideas that you may come across. Please keep this issue in mind as you read various computer-related news stories or surf the Internet.

Lastly, I want to remind you that the membership elected a new President for the Board of Directors of KEGS. I've held the position for the last four years and asked the folks on the Nominating Committee to find another person to take over the position as I think it's healthy for any organization to have changes in the leadership from time to time. Organizations need new ideas or at least a change in areas of emphasis to keep them interesting and vibrant so members continue to participate and contribute. I'm confident that you will support Jon Mercer as he takes over as the new President. He will be writing this monthly column starting next month.

As I move to the "Director at Large" status, I want to acknowledge some of the folks who I feel contribute a great deal to KEGS and who definitely deserve a big "Thank you" from all of our members. First, I want to acknowledge Bob Baxter, our Secretary of the Board for many years. In fact I believe he took on the job when KEGS was formed in 1996. In addition to taking the minutes at the Board meetings, he keeps track of the various reports and fees that we have to pay periodically to stay in business. Additionally, he is the primary IT guy for our organization and leads the efforts that keep our computers running and those that we support for the Peter Kirk Community Center and the North Bellevue Community Center. Also, he figured out how to downsize our sound system so that it fits in our file cabinet. This feat relieved the need for one of us to take the system home after each of our meetings. In addition, he keeps the portion of the Wi-Fi that we use at the NBCC working and built the router board that we use in the meeting room to provide coverage for the members who attend our SIGs and the General Meetings. Lastly, he has spent many hours helping other members of the Board learn their jobs so that the chores get done correctly and on time. Thanks much, Bob.



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Next, I want to also acknowledge that significant amount of time, effort and resources that Sally Ann Mowrey contributes to the group. She holds the single most difficult job on the Board as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President since the primary assignment for that position is to find a topic and presenter for each of our General Meetings. As I mentioned above, it's a tough job and she deserves a big "Thanks" from all of us for doing it so well. Additionally, she helps Bob with keeping the KEGS and lab computers up to date and working well. Also, she runs the Digital Imaging SIG which frequently helps recruit new members for our group. Additionally, she makes sure that our meeting space for our various meetings is available when needed or makes arrangements to move somewhere else when our usual rooms are not available for some reason. Lastly, I have to point out how generous she and her husband, Steve Powell, are when they frequently contribute brand new items to our Annual Auction and even buy "goodies" for our meetings near the holidays. Thanks very much, Sally Ann and Steve. We all appreciate your generosity.

I also want to acknowledge the work done by all members of the Board of Directors. Some members do more than others, depending on the positions that they hold, but everybody contributes their time and efforts willingly and generously in order to get the job done. Thanks to all of you...

That's about it for this month. 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.

*Ron Couger — previous President  
For Jon Mercer*

# 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 <a href="mailto:betacode@hotmail.com">betacode@hotmail.com</a>	Steve Fondren
2nd Monday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS General Meeting	
2nd Monday	9:30 PM - ? PM	Applebee's <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/13856+Bel+Red+Rd,+Bellevue,+WA+98005">13856 Bel Red Rd, Bellevue, WA 98005</a>	Pig SIG <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	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 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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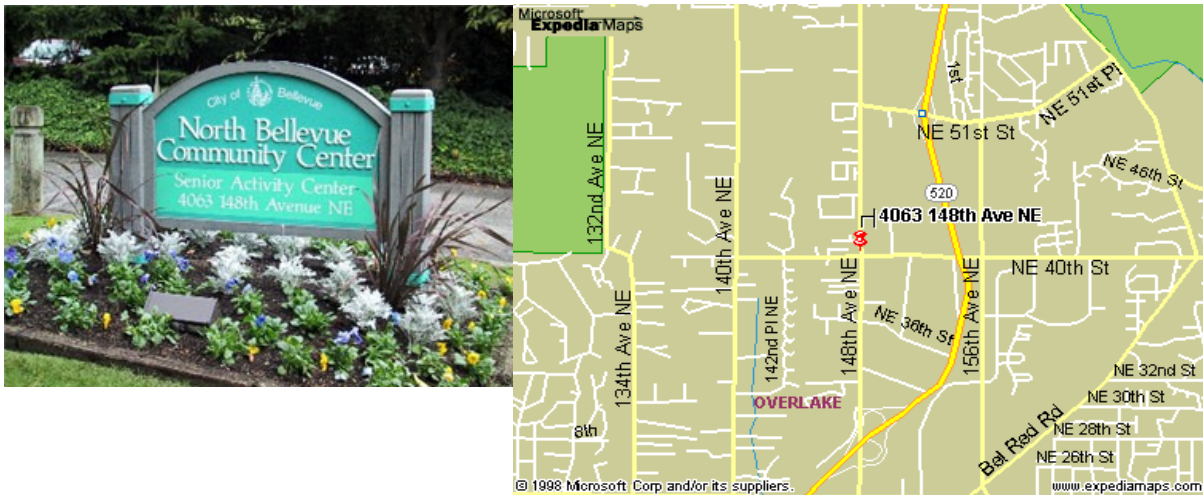
Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Pool Room	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue <a href="mailto:endeavor@frontier.com">endeavor@frontier.com</a> (Computer repair & maintenance)	Jon Mercer
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Seattle Internet User Group (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: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 206-816-9216
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	<b>KEGS Board Meeting</b> <a href="mailto:President@kegs.org">President@kegs.org</a>	Jon Mercer

## 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](mailto:board@kegs.org)

or

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