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## Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

It's hard to believe that it's October already. I had a great summer and I hope that you did also. Now it's almost time to put away the patio furniture, install the glass inserts in place of the screens in the doors and make other preparations for the wet and colder months ahead. I'll also probably find more time to enjoy computing and surfing the net as the chilly, wet weather will reduce the number of hours that I spend working in our yard.

Two of the upcoming computer-related events that will make October more fun are our special General Meeting this month and Raincoast. The speakers at our General Meeting will be from Smart Computing magazine. Through the years, this magazine has become one of my favorite references for computer information. Not only is the magazine well written and full of good information but the associated web site is one of the best available. It includes technical articles, product reviews and a great help area. All of these features and more will be discussed at the KEGS meeting. To read more about the presentation, please open the attached .pdf file that contains more details. I know that a few of you may feel that we have invited these folks to our meeting to give you some sort of a high-pressure sales pitch. This is absolutely not the case. You will find the presentation both educational and very entertaining plus you will get a free copy of a current edition of the magazine. Whether you choose to subscribe is completely up to you.

Another event that is coming up quickly is the meeting of Raincoast. I have attended this meeting five or six different times and have found it interesting and worth my time each year. I hope that each of you will either talk to a KEGS member who has attended previously about the meeting or go to the web site at [www.raincoast.info](http://www.raincoast.info) to find out more about the event. Since you cannot sign up at the door, you must pre-register on the web site to attend. I strongly encourage you to sign up and have a good time at the event.

This is the best time of year to sign up new members for KEGS. Those who join during the period from October through December get up to fifteen months of membership for the price of twelve. What a great deal! Remember, the best recruiters that we have to talk to folks about becoming new members are our current members. I encourage you to talk to your friends, family members, business associates and acquaintances about KEGS. Al-



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most everyone uses a computer or digital camera these days and would benefit from the information and services that KEGS provides. Also remember that for each new member that signs up and identifies you as their "sponsor," you get \$8.00 off your dues for the following year. Please help our organization by bringing in at least one new member.

You can also renew your membership between now and December 31<sup>st</sup> and get the extra benefits of being an Early Bird member. If you are an Early Bird, you get two door prize drawing tickets when you sign in at each of our General Meetings instead of one. That's at no extra cost to you. Why not renew soon and earn this extra benefit? Just fill out a membership form that you'll find on the web site and give it to John Tate along with your check. It's as easy as that.

The last item that I want to address, also a subject that comes up each fall, is the annual election of officers for our PC Users Group. In order for the user group to continue to thrive and grow, we need folks on the Board of Directors who are dedicated to working for the membership. Most of the jobs don't take a lot of time each month and don't require any particular skills and knowledge. You don't have to be a computer expert in order to be a productive member of the Board. Please give some strong consideration to running for a seat on the Board. I am a firm believer that in order for any organization to grow, prosper and adjust to the changing times, they need to have different folks serve on the Board through the years. The folks currently serving on the Board are dedicated and hard working but some of them are ready to turn over the reins to someone else. For its long-term health, the group needs some new faces on the Board to bring new ideas and enthusiasm to the group. I hope that you will make time in your schedule to help out. We will be establishing a Nomination Committee at the next Board meeting and I hope that you will talk to one of the members about serving on the Board.

That's about it for this month. I look forward to seeing all of you at Raincoast, the KEGS General Meeting or at a SIG meeting in the near future. Happy and safe computing!

Respectfully,

Ron Cowger  
President

# KEGS General Meeting And Associated SIGs

## KEGS T-shirts

Remember, you score extra KEGABUCKS 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 Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
2nd Monday	6 PM - 7 PM	Kirkland Teen Union Building	Technology Corner <a href="mailto:betacode@hotmail.com">betacode@hotmail.com</a>	Steve Fondren
2nd Monday	7 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland Teen Union Building	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 206-996-5635

**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 Kirkland Teen Union Building is part of a string of connected buildings. Right at the street is Kirkland's Performing Arts Center, then comes the Kirkland Senior 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 our SIG chart no longer lists actual dates. Please check your calendars for the date 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	NBCSC Computer Lab Support <a href="mailto:j_m_mraz@hotmail.com">j_m_mraz@hotmail.com</a>	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group <a href="mailto:gary@zipcon.net">gary@zipcon.net</a>	Gary Skelton
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Quick Books <a href="mailto:sarah@abcsupport.com">sarah@abcsupport.com</a>	Sarah Gunderson 425-485-3437
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	WIN 95/98/XP?? <a href="mailto:daviddodge1@compuserve.com">daviddodge1@compuserve.com</a>	David Dodge
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Laptop SIG <a href="mailto:ctheprof@aol.com">ctheprof@aol.com</a>	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue <a href="mailto:j_m_mraz@hotmail.com">j_m_mraz@hotmail.com</a> (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	Ron Cowger
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Digital Imaging SIG <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-996-5635
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	HTML SIG <a href="mailto:jack@webwitch.com">jack@webwitch.com</a>	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960

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3rd Monday (Only on the ODD Months)	7:00 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland's Teen Union Bldg. Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - Kirkland <a href="mailto:j_m_mraz@hotmail.com">j_m_mraz@hotmail.com</a> (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433

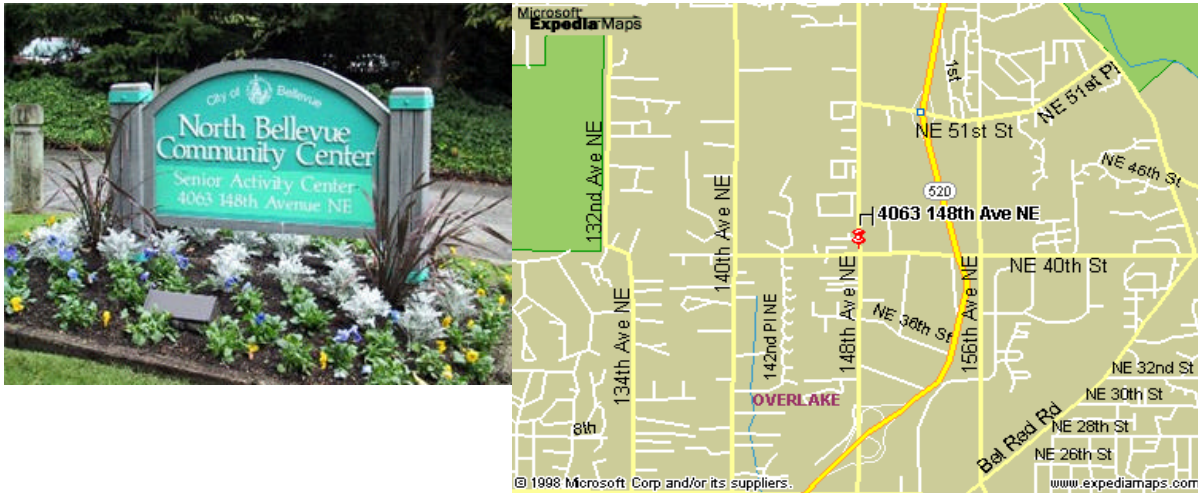
## SIG Meeting Locations:

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 Executive Real Estate's Bellevue office at 20 Lake Bellevue, Bellevue, WA. (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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