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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Here it is, November already. The big holiday season is practically upon us and it's about time to start hinting to our friends and families concerning those neat computer-related gifts that you hope to find under the tree with your name on them this Christmas. Perhaps you're in the market for a new PC. If so, then one of the challenges that you will face is moving all of the great files that you've accumulated on your old machine to the new one with the least amount of effort. Well, you're in luck. One of the applications that will be discussed at the November meeting is designed to help you with this chore.

The vendor that will speak to us at the November General Meeting will be from Detto Technologies. Among the several products for which this company is well known is IntelliMover. This great application makes moving your files, emails, photos, music and all of those other treasures from your old PC to your new one very simple. The vendor's representative will also talk about some of their other applications that you might use to clean up your old PC before you give it or throw it away and others that protect your new PC from worms and viruses. You can get more info about their products at www.detto.com. It should be a great meeting. Please come to the meeting and bring a friend.

If you came to the October General Meeting, you saw a very interesting presentation from Smart Computing Magazine. Clearly, some of you were favorably impressed since Luke took orders for several subscriptions at the end of the meeting. As I hope you know by now, for every five subscriptions that our members buy, KEGS receives a one-year subscription that we can use as an auction item at our Annual KEGaBuck\$ Auction. Please remember that if you sign up for any of the Sandhill Publishing magazines or renew your subscription, be sure to tell them that you are a member of KEGS so that we get credit for your subscription.

As I stated last month, 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



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acquaintances about KEGS. Almost 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.

Also, please remember that if you renew your membership between now and December 31st you will 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. Please do not give John your dues money unless you have a renewal form to go along with it. We need to insure that your email and other contact info is current each year and we use the forms to do that.

The members of the Board are investigating a membership benefit that has been offered to us by the publishers of Smart Computing. They are offering to give each of our members that are not currently subscribing to Smart Computing a free three-month subscription. For those that are already subscribers, each would receive a copy of a Reference Series issue valued at \$9.95. We will probably offer this benefit to those members who pay their dues for 2006 if the member is interested in the offer. Our intention is to have each new/renewing member indicate on a form whether or not they want to participate in this offer. I want to assure you that we will not pursue this offer unless we receive assurances from the representatives of Smart Computing that they will protect our members' contact data and privacy.

I would also like to acknowledge the upcoming change in leadership for one of our SIGs. Due to job responsibilities, Gary Skelton has announced that he can no longer run the Internet SIG. Gary has done a great job with this SIG and those who have attended have always left the SIG with some new tip or the name of a super web site that they did not know about before. We all thank Gary for his efforts and hope that there might be a time in the future when he can afford to come back. The leadership of the SIG is being taken over by Judy Panjeti and Marianne Wilkins. I sincerely thank them for volunteering to take on this responsibility. I encourage each of you to attend the SIG to learn more about the Internet and its many treasures.



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The last item that I want to address again 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 a variety of 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. The Nomination Committee folks that are searching for members willing to serve on the Board are Ron Cowger, Sally Ann Mowery, Joe Story and Joe Mraz. I hope that you will talk to one of these folks soon about serving on the Board. Remember that the elections are held at the December General Meeting.

That's about it for this month. I look forward to seeing all of you at 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.

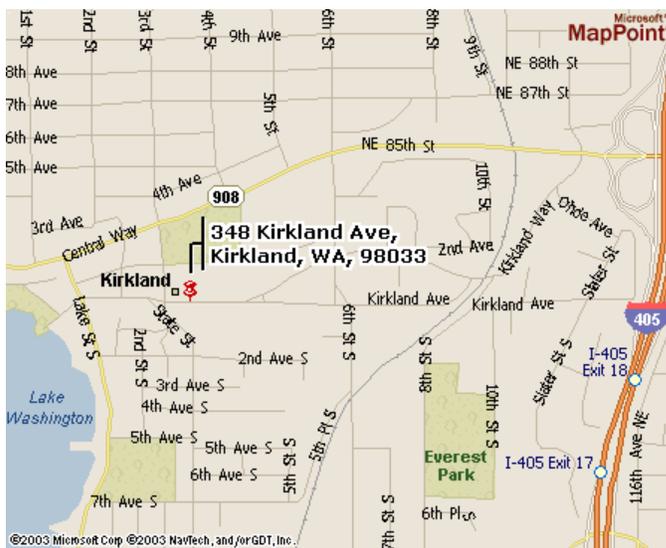
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
2nd Monday	6 PM - 7 PM	Kirkland Teen Union Building	Technology Corner betacode@hotmail.com	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 sallyannmowrey@msn.com	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:

SIG CHART

Notice that our SIG chart does NOT list actual dates. To verify actual meeting dates AND POSSIBLE CANCELATIONS, please check our KEGS on line calendar at <http://www.kegs.org/Calendar.html> for the date of the upcoming meeting that you want to attend.

You can also 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 j_m_mraz@hotmail.com	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group seasigi@kegs.org	Judy Panjeti & Marianne Wilkins
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Quick Books vek@nwqb.com	Virgil E. Knedlik 425-271-4411
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	WIN 95/98/XP?? daviddodge1@compuserve.com	David Dodge
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Laptop SIG ctheprof@aol.com	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue j_m_mraz@hotmail.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office r_cowger@prodigy.net	Ron Cowger
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Digital Imaging SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-996-5635
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	HTML SIG jack@nwdivemaster.com	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960

SIG Meetings at Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
3rd Monday (Only on the ODD Months)	7:00 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland's Teen Union Bldg. Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - Kirkland j_m_mraz@hotmail.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433

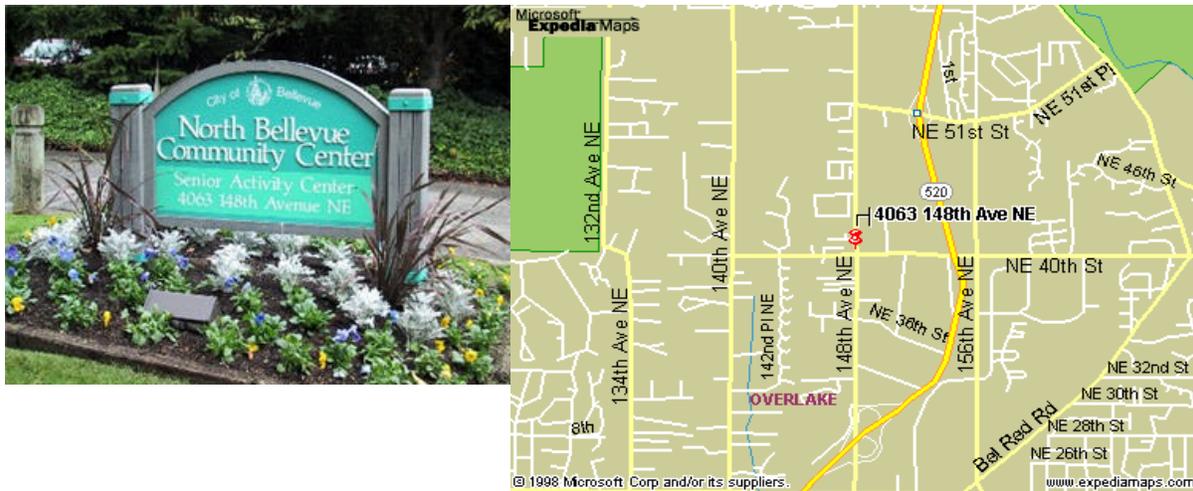
SIG Meeting Locations:

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, up-dated information about KEGS activities, and more, please see our web site at:

<http://www.kegs.org>.

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