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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

David Dodge

Hi Everyone,

This year starts off with Microsoft blasting us with two new updates to their product line, Windows Vista and Office. More will be forthcoming as we search for presenters to enlighten us with new knowledge.

KEGS was recognized in 2006 with a "Jerry Award" By APCUG sponsored by the National Christina Foundation for it's role in providing and maintaining the computer lab at the North Bellevue Senior and Community Center. This was in the Honorable Mention Category for "How we did it". Though we all know about the lab and some participate in its upkeep and upgrade, this effort is ongoing and has been spearheaded by Joe Mraz for a number of years. I thank Joe for keeping the flame burning for this effort. He also submitted the entry, as he had the most knowledge on the board to submit this. With it comes a \$250 award to the club for recognition. Let's thank those that helped keep the lab up and running!

Please be patient. Our monthly programs, which are the pivot point for KEGS monthly meetings are not easy to arrange or co-ordinate. Please understand that volunteers are responsible for making this happen and as such, personal and work priorities can take precedence over making that final email and phone call. The other issue that many may be unaware of is that the manufacturers are not as user group friendly as they were in the 90's. The internet has changed how they support and deliver knowledge to the user and customer community. User groups are still a part of the marketing approach, but are less important since our membership is declining. Many companies have reduced to almost nothing user group support, like Syman-tec. Their corporate business model has changed from supporting consumers, to engaging the corporation. This is only natural, since consumers cost more to support than large corporations do, and the revenue stream is more profitable from corporations. We do have quite a bit of talent in the group that we could generate our own content. I think it would be realistic that we could have member generated content for about 5 to 7 meetings a year. Naturally, if you step up to the plate, you get KEGABUCK\$ for your effort at taking a swing at a presentation. I will discuss the amount of KEGABUCK\$ that would be given for this. I intend on making it substantial, because it takes a lot of preparation to do a presentation. I always find I learn more when I prepare for presenting, which is a reward in itself. Please talk to Gary Skelton or myself if you are interested.

With the above in mind, the monthly drawing pool of products has dwindled to nonexistence. Gone are the days of current software donations from Microsoft and others, and we only have a few copies left of MS Works 98, 2000 or whatever. So how do we, as a group, maintain this previously voluminous and current goodie stream of products? The Board is open to suggestions. We could allocate some of the dues for purchasing a portion of the give away items. Because we are a 501c (3) Non-Profit, we can accept donations and you can get a tax benefit. So there are two ways we could improve our position.



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That is quite a bit to digest this month. Remember, you usually get out of your activities what you put into them. Donating time and knowledge is easy, and can benefit others.

David Dodge
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:

NEW SIG CHART

Notice that this SIG chart no longer lists actual dates. Please check our KEGS calendar (at <http://www.kegs.org/Calendar.html>) 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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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	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@webwitch.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

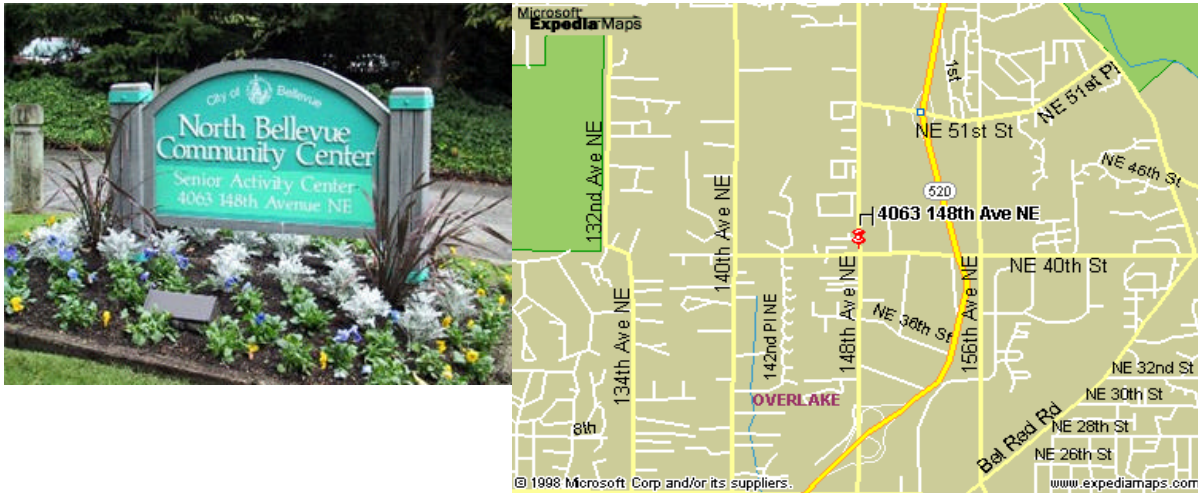
SIG Meeting Locations:

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, updated information about KEGS activities, and more, please see our web site at:

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

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