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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Hi Everyone,

Well, it seems like spring is finally near at hand. I hope that you had a chance to enjoy some of the warmer, drier weather that we had during the last week or so of February. Then, the Pacific Northwest being what it is, the cool, chilly drizzle moved back in during the first week of March. However, the forecast is for sunshine during part of the week ahead so there is hope... Anyway, during the next few weeks there will be plenty of time to work on our computers during the rainy days when it's too wet to work in the yard, go for a hike or eat on the patio. I for one am taking off for Tucson for a few days to ensure that my wife and I get some concentrated sunshine soon. The goal is to improve our outlooks on life and recharge our psychological batteries.

As I write this column the planned presentation for this month's General Meeting is still uncertain. Barbara Marasco has been working hard in an effort to set up a presentation on Global Positioning Systems. However, it may not be finalized in time for this month's meeting. If it is not possible to have the GPS presentation, David Dodge is going to give us some interesting information on a new Virtual Machine product that runs on MS Vista. I am certain that you will find both of these topics interesting and hope that you will attend the meeting to learn about whichever of these systems is discussed.

At the last meeting of the Board, we learned that the KEGS membership is just about the same as what we had as 2007 ended. I am very happy that the organization's size is not decreasing further and hope that we can make it grow during the next year. As I have mentioned in previous columns, I hope that you will try to recruit someone new to join KEGS this year. I encourage you to talk to your friends, family members, business associates and acquaintances about KEGS. Almost everyone uses a computer, PDA or digital camera these days and would benefit from the information and services that KEGS provides. Our membership numbers had been falling fairly rapidly over the last couple of years and each of us needs to do whatever he/she can to help reverse this trend. As I'm sure that you can understand, when we are trying to encourage vendors to speak to our organization, they almost always ask how many members we have. It would be a lot easier to entice them to send speakers to our meetings if we had one hundred members than if we had sixty. Please help our organization by bringing in at least one new member this year.



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We are getting very serious about the planning for our annual KegaBucks Auction in June. Each of you can help by digging through your closets, shelves, attic and/or garage to see if you have any new or gently used computer hardware that may be of some use to a fellow club member. Also, you may have a software application that you've never installed as you found something else that filled your needs better. I encourage you to consider donating those items to the Auction and letting another member get some use from them. It's getting very hard to get donations from manufacturers and vendors so we have to depend on our members for many of our auction items. You may give your donations to any member of the Board at the General Meeting and we will make sure that the items are collected and made available for the auction. Thanks in advance for your donations.

We still haven't received any new information about Bellevue's plan to reconfigure the computer lab at the North Bellevue Community Center. As far as I know, they still plan to purchase a mobile lab and do away with the fixed lab in the room where it currently exists. The lab room will then be dedicated to other activities that the Center provides to the community. The timetable for these changes and how they will affect KEGS is unknown at this time. I will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Since I will be missing the General Meeting this month, I hope to see you at a SIG meeting in the near future. Happy and safe computing!

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:

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

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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

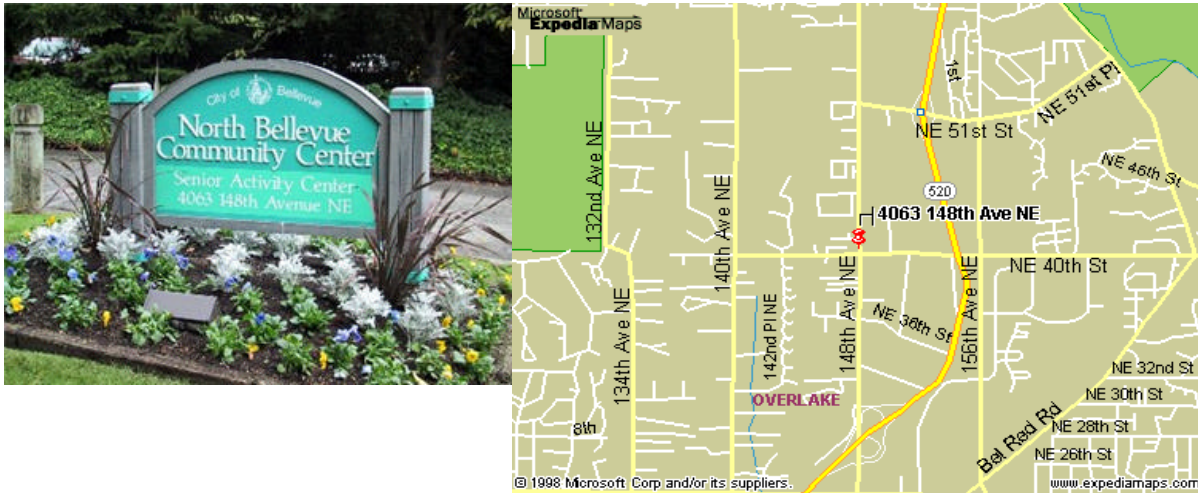
SIG Meeting Locations:

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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