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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Hi Everyone,

Wow, didn't November fly by quickly? It seems like just a few days ago I was writing the November column and now it's time to write a new one. I hope that each of you had a very enjoyable Thanksgiving and is well along with your Christmas shopping. I've ordered a few things for my lovely wife but still have a few more things to get. Luckily for me, she does most of the shopping for the rest of our friends and family so I get off easy. I'm thinking about getting her a program for her new computer. On the other hand, I wonder if a computer program doesn't sort of fall under that old, well established guidance that a fellow should never get his wife anything that plugs into the wall or that could be considered an aid for "work around the house." I'll have to think about that a little more....

One of the highlights of November for me was the very enjoyable and informative program that Sally Ann arranged for our General Meeting. I hope that each of you that uses a digital camera and wishes he/she knew a little more about improving their photos was able to attend the presentation by Tim Grey. I am not the primary operator of the digital camera in our family but I still found the presentation very interesting. Mr. Grey is obviously very knowledgeable in his field, but equally important, he is an excellent speaker. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Thanks very much, Sally Ann for making the arrangements. We will have an "in house" presenter for the General Meeting this month. Bob Baxter has agreed to give us a presentation on the AirSet calendar application. This Internet based calendar can help organize your family or group activities. It is a great way to share schedules and other information with others. Bob will demonstrate how to set up a calendar for each SIG and send emails to those involved. I think you'll find the application very interesting and you may decide that it's just the thing to help you get your life more organized in the New Year.

If you want to be an Early Bird member of KEGS for 2009, you have until December 31st to renew your membership. As I hope you know, by being an Early Bird you will receive two drawing tickets for the door prize when you check in at the General Meeting rather than one. You can obtain a renewal form either from our Treasurer, John Tate, or from the KEGS web site. If you bring it up on the web site, you can even fill it out on your computer, print it out and then give it to John along with your \$24.00 for dues. How easy is that? Also, remember that any new members that you sign up this month get thirteen months of membership for just the annual dues of \$24.00. Another great deal!



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Please remember that we have our annual election of User Group officers in December. We have appointed a nominating committee consisting of Sally Ann Mowrey, Bob Baxter and Barbara Marasco. They will be looking for KEGS members who are willing to serve on the Board. Please consider volunteering to serve on the Board. Depending on which position interests you, the time commitment can be as little as a couple of hours per month up to several hours for the more involved jobs. The job descriptions for all of the Board positions are on the KEGS web site. If you have any interest in helping conduct the business of your User Group, please let a member of the nominating committee know about it and he/she will answer any questions that you might have.

Lastly, I want to remind you that the North Bellevue Community Center will be closed for their annual maintenance period from December 25th through January 11th. Therefore, any SIGs that would normally meet during that period will be cancelled.

That's it for now. I hope to see each of you at the December General Meeting. Happy and safe computing! And just in case I don't see you in the next few weeks, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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.

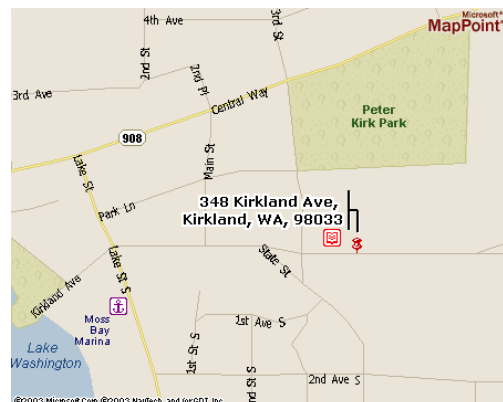
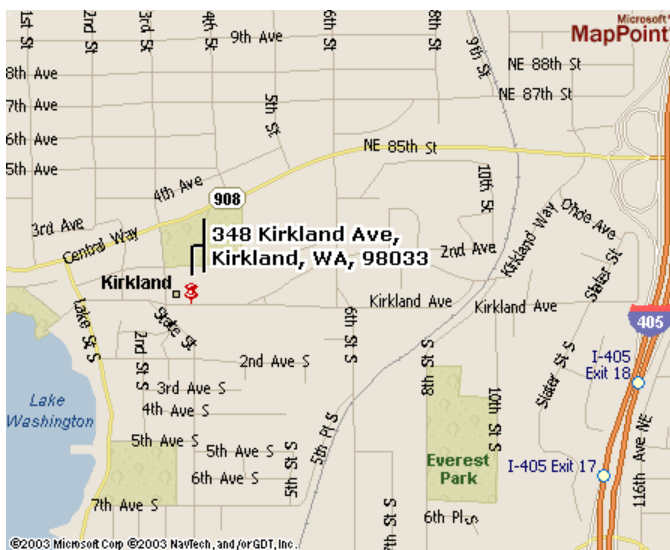
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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

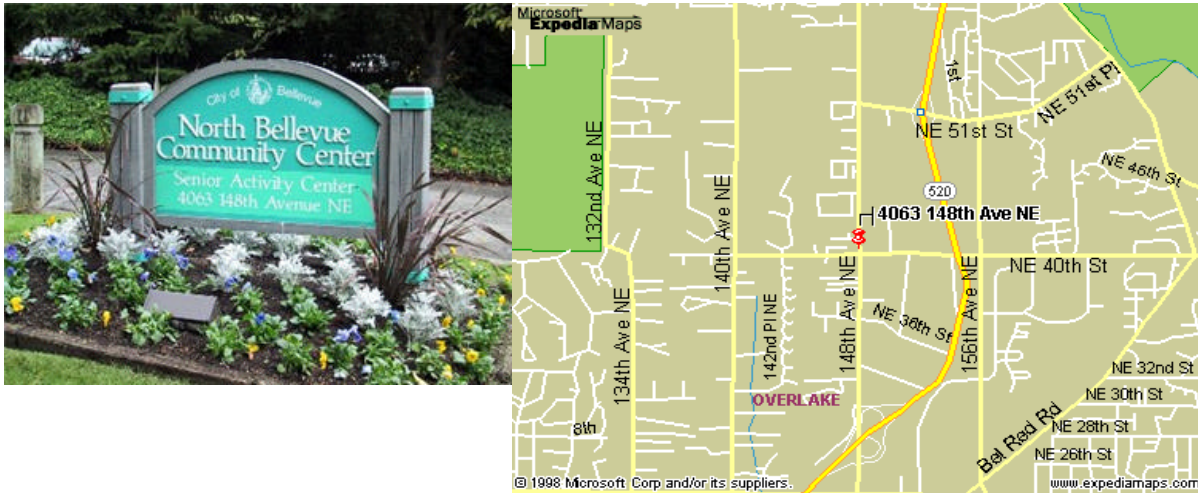
SIG Meeting Locations:

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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