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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Hi Everyone,

I want to wish each of you a belated Happy New Year! I hope that you made it through the holiday period with no major problems beyond slipping and sliding around on some of the snowy roads. Wow, I haven't shoveled that much snow off of our driveway and sidewalks since we moved here seventeen years ago. I was running out of places to throw the snow in our yard. One of the mounds of snow that resulted from several days of shoveling was about the size of a VW beetle! That's too much work for an older man. I should have stayed in the house and worked on my computer.

I hope that you were able to attend the excellent presentation last month that Bob Baxter gave us on the AirSet Internet-based calendar. I found it very interesting. The free program gives a user lots of flexibility and a very efficient way to share the calendar among a group of people. As you may recall, Bob put a reminder function on the sample calendar and I want to report that the AirSet calendar sent me an automated email reminding me that the SOHO SIG was coming up in two days. It worked like a charm.

As I write this column, I'm not sure what the presentation will be at the January General Meeting. We had a presentation lined up but the presenter had to cancel due to work obligations. I have asked Joe Mraz if he could do a presentation on one or more of the applications that he uses to handle audio files for his line dancing classes. However, I have been told that Joe has been ill lately so I haven't been able to firm up the arrangements. The presentation may turn out to be something rather informal like a discussion of the computer-related hardware/software that our fellow members received for Christmas. I'm sure that it will be interesting and useful in any case.

I don't know if you have noticed the information on TV about the new electronic disposal program or not but I want to bring it to your attention. As you know, until recently, in order to properly dispose of an old TV or computer in this state, you were supposed to take it to a recycling station, pay a nominal fee and the company would ensure that it was disposed of in an environmentally safe manner. As of the first of the year, Washington has established a free program called E-Cycle Washington for the same purpose. You can find the details at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/eproductrecycle. I wish that this option had been in place when I paid \$85.00 to dispose of a large console TV last year.



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Prez Says: continued

Have you renewed your KEGS membership for 2009? I hope so. According to our Treasurer, only forty-four folks had renewed as of the end of December. That number represents quite a drop from where our membership was at the end of the year. I encourage you to renew your membership as soon as possible. We need your participation and interest.

The new SIG laptop has been purchased and is now in Joe's hands so that he can install additional software, configure the computer and install Deep Freeze. It should be ready for our SIG leaders to use in a few weeks. I think we will all be happy to start using this replacement to the old roll-around PC at the NBCC.

John Tate and I will miss the January General Meeting as we are attending the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas through January 11th. Unfortunately, our return flight on Monday won't get us back in time for the meeting. We'll let you know if we see anything at CES that is especially interesting and/or exciting.

That's it for now. I hope to see each of you at your favorite SIG soon. 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.

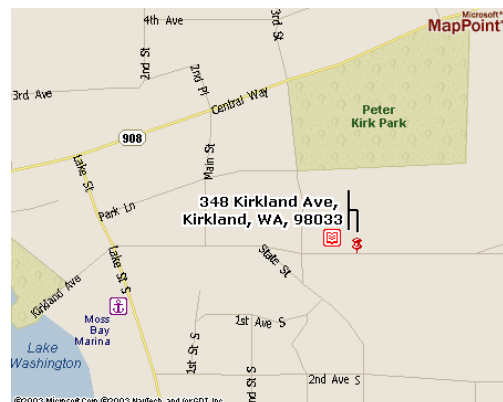
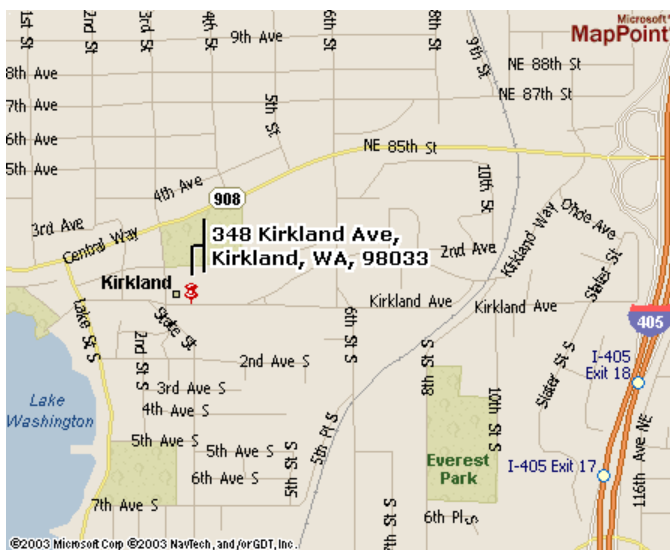
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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

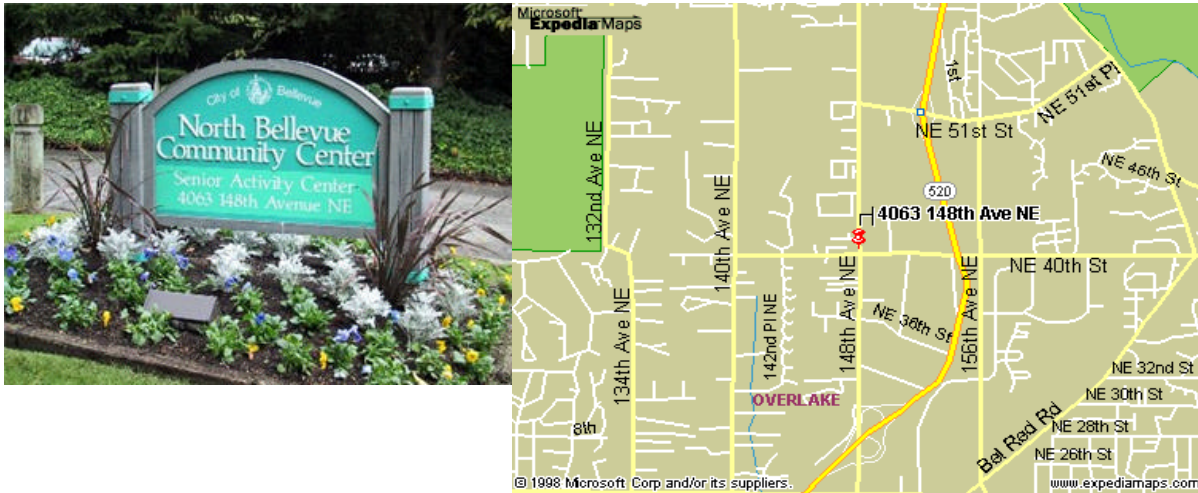
SIG Meeting Locations:

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-to-date information about KEGS activities, and more, please see our web site at:

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

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