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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

## Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Hi Everyone,

Here we are in February already. Am I the only one that felt like January flew by rather quickly? Boy, it seems like we just took down the Christmas decorations a few days ago. No, we didn't just take them down at our house. It just seems like it. Anyway, now it's time to start thinking about Valentine's Day. For all of you out there who might be prone to forget this special day when we acknowledge our loved ones, this is a reminder. It's time to get a card and/or gift for that someone special in your life. Don't forget! Otherwise, you may be in the "doghouse."

I am sorry that I missed the General Meeting in January but I was out of town. I'm told that Joe gave a presentation on some of the software that he uses to store, catalog and play his many audio files. I hope that you found the information interesting and useful. I think all of us rip and store music these days and it's good to know about different, more effective ways that we can do that.

David Dodge has agreed to do the presentation at the February General Meeting. He is going to talk to us about various changes that have occurred recently or are anticipated soon in the digital area. We are calling it a Technology Update. I think we will all find it very interesting. There are so many things going on in this field that it's hard to keep up with them all.

Have you renewed your KEGS membership for 2009? I hope so. According to our Treasurer, only forty-four folks had renewed as of January 22nd. 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.

It's time to start thinking about the KegaBuck\$ Auction that is coming up in June. As you may know, our Nominating Committee was unable to find a member who was willing to run for the office of Vice President (Programs) this year so that position is open. We are looking for a volunteer who would be willing to be the Chair for this year's Auction. It's an important job that supports one of the key events that our group has during the year. I would appreciate it if each of you would consider taking on this challenge. You will get lots of help and support from the members of the Board so the chore will not be over-



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whelming. Please let one of the Board members know if you are interested in the job.

With regard to donations for the Auction, the members of the Board have drafted a set of guidelines that we will apply to better control donated items. We greatly appreciate all of the items that are donated but don't want the Auction to become a disposal method for items that clearly no one in the group wants. Here are our proposed guidelines. We will discuss them with the membership at the next General Meeting.

1. Software that runs on operating systems older than Windows 98SE will not be accepted. (We are considering changing the oldest acceptable Windows version to Windows 2000.)
2. No computer add-in cards that plug into an ISA bus will be accepted.
3. Donated items need to be complete enough to be easily used by the buyer. Each item should be in the original box if possible. If necessary, a substitute box may be used. Items that came with installation software and documentation should have those items in the box with the item.
4. Items that do not receive bids during the Auction will not be held over to the next Auction. Members who donate items are requested to put their names on the items and to take any items not receiving bids home with them at the end of the Auction.
5. Any PCs that are donated should be based on at least a Pentium III with a speed of 1 GHz or higher.

As I mentioned in this column last month, John Tate and I missed the January General Meeting as we are attending the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. The members of the Board suggested that I give a report on CES at the March General Meeting as the presentation for that night. Therefore, I plan to do that. I hope that you will find it interesting.

That's it for now. I hope to see each of you at the General Meeting and 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 <a href="mailto:betacode@hotmail.com">betacode@hotmail.com</a>	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 <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	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 <a href="mailto:j_m_mraz@hotmail.com">j_m_mraz@hotmail.com</a>	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group <a href="mailto:seasigi@kegs.org">seasigi@kegs.org</a>	Judy Panjeti & Marianne Wilkins
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	WIN 95/98/XP/?? <a href="mailto:daviddodge1@compuserve.com">daviddodge1@compuserve.com</a>	David Dodge
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Laptop SIG <a href="mailto:ctheprof@aol.com">ctheprof@aol.com</a>	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue <a href="mailto:j_m_mraz@hotmail.com">j_m_mraz@hotmail.com</a> (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	Ron Cowger
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Digital Imaging SIG <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-996-5635
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	HTML SIG <a href="mailto:jack@webwitch.com">jack@webwitch.com</a>	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960

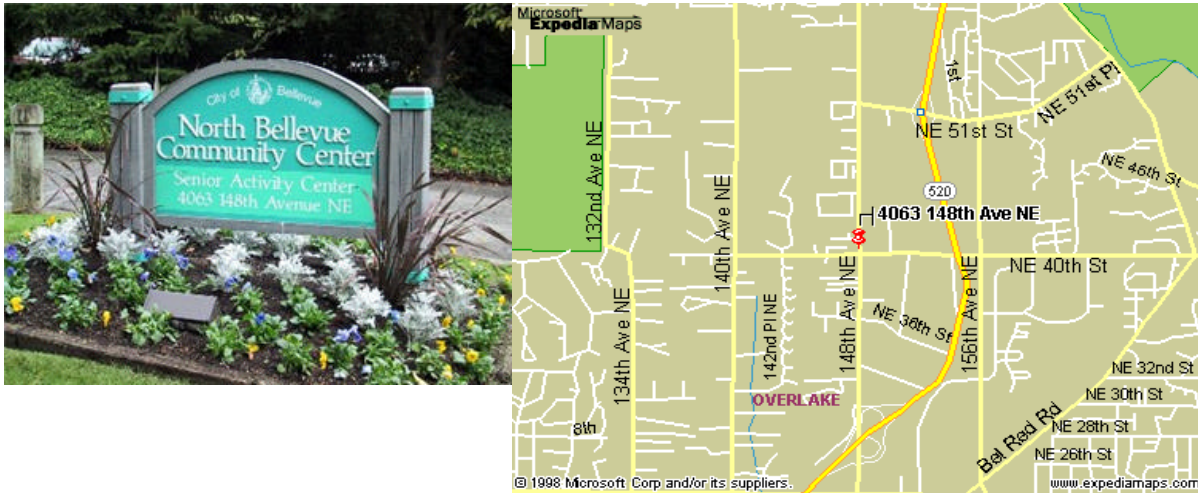
## SIG Meeting Locations:

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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