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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

## Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Ah, the weather has been so beautiful during that last week or so that I've almost forgotten that the Seattle area had the third most rain for May in recorded history during the earlier part of May. It's great that the human spirit seems to forget some of the challenges of life when better times come along. I think that's what keeps us all sane. Sometimes I even forget all of the heartaches that my PC has caused me when I finally get it working correctly again. However, I try hard to remember what actions I took that crashed the PC and avoid making the same mistakes again. Remember, backup, backup, backup your important files!

I hope that some of you got some interesting insight into CES and some of the more interesting items that were presented there from the presentation at the May General Meeting. Obviously, there was more material to cover than we could jam into the forty-five minute presentation so we just picked some of the more unique and interesting items. Based on the number of folks in the audience that were listening with their eyes closed, I'm going to have to work harder on my presentation techniques to try to increase the interest level of the audience. Anyway, please let me know if you have any questions about anything that was covered.

Obviously, the big event for the June General Meeting is the KEGaBuck\$ Auction. Joseph Nowak and his many helpers have been working hard at collecting items and arranging the evening's event. We will also have a few snacks and beverages for your enjoyment before the Auction and during the break. So it's time to dig through all of your desk drawers and find all of your KEGaBuck\$ so that you are ready to bid. The Board decided that since one of our General Meetings was cancelled earlier this year due to weather, you need present only eight "special" 50-KEGaBuck\$ notes in order to double your money and get a 500-KEGaBuck\$ bonus. I hope that you all have a good time at the Auction.

Again, I will mention KEGS membership. Our group membership is now up to sixty-one computer enthusiasts so we are just three short of the level at which we finished last year. However, with eight more months in which to recruit new members, I genuinely hope that we can continue to grow as the year goes on. I strongly encourage you to invite friends or family members to attend a KEGS meeting or two to see if they are interested in joining. I'm convinced that we have something to offer any computer enthusiast. Remember, the



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more members that we have the better it is for all of us.

I want to thank Bob Baxter and Joe Mraz for the good work that they have done in setting up the SIG laptop computer. It is now configured to dual boot and Deep Freeze has been installed to prevent any changes to the operating system or the installed software. Please offer your thanks to these dedicated members who have made our SIG experiences much better than they were using the roll-around PC. I know all of the SIG leaders are very happy with the new laptop.

If you have been to the North Bellevue Community Center recently, you have noticed that the parking lot work has been completed. It's sure a lot more functional now that all of the construction blockages and detours are gone.

That's it for now. I hope to see each of you at the Auction 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.

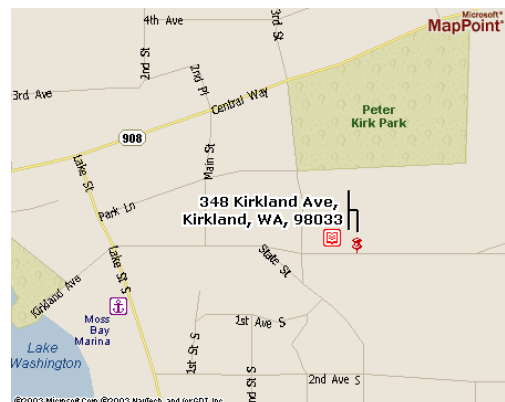
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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>	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

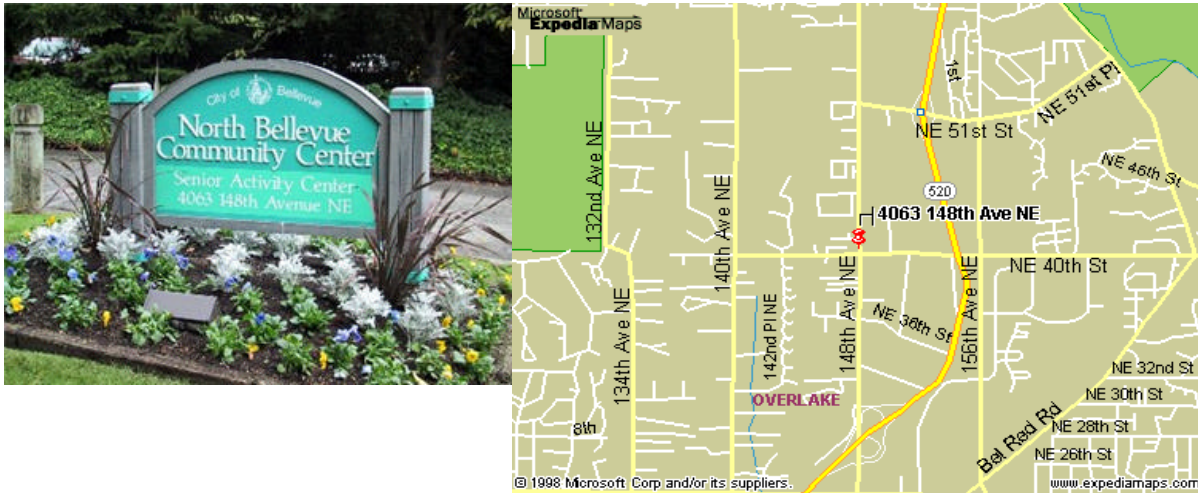
## SIG Meeting Locations:

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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