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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

## *Prez Says:*

**Ron Cowger**

For those of you who may have been wondering, yes, I did attend the most recent meeting of the Board. I was not away enjoying some other part of the world so I was here to help conduct the important end-of-year user group business. We had a somewhat longer meeting than normal as there was a lot of business to cover. The following paragraphs cover some of the highlights.

The new, portable lab for the North Bellevue Community Center is in place and has been used by their in-house instructor to conduct some of her classes. Joe Mraz and Bob Baxter have led the tear-down of the old lab equipment, the removal of most of the wiring and the reconfiguring of the networking equipment so that the computer lab can be converted for a different use. The equipment in the portable lab is available for use by our SIGs but we are not sure if there is any interest in doing so. If any of the SIG leaders want to know more about what is available and how to use it, please contact Jerry Olson, our SIG Coordinator.

I missed the November General Meeting but I'm told that you received an interesting presentation on laptops and controlling the heat that they generate. I've always been taught that heat buildup is one of the key enemies of solid state electronic equipment so I feel that we all need to be sensitive to protecting our computers from the heat that they generate. I want to thank Sally Ann for quickly rearranging the presentation schedule to set up the laptop presentation when our previously scheduled presenter had to cancel just a few days before the November meeting. Great work, Sally Ann!

The presentation for December will be on Windows 7. As you know, the new operating system was released on October 22nd. Our speaker at the meeting will be Sean Gilmour from Microsoft. He spoke to us on Windows 7 once before in April and based on the many questions that our members asked, he generated a lot of interest in the new Windows. I hope you will come to the December General Meeting to learn more about the system's new features and functions.

We finished 2009 with our group membership still at sixty-three computer enthusiasts so we were still one short of the level at which we finished last year. Now it is time to focus on building up our membership in the new year that is just weeks away. As I hope you know, if you renew your membership before December 31<sup>st</sup>, you will be designated as an



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Early Bird and will receive an extra door prize drawing ticket each time you attend a General Meeting. I encourage each of you to renew your membership as soon as possible. Renewal forms are available from John Tate, our Treasurer, or you can fill out the form on the KEGS web site, print it out and send it along with your check to the address shown. An easier way would be to bring your completed form and your check to the next General Meeting and give it to John there.

I am pleased to report that the Nominating Committee has assembled a full slate of members who are willing to serve on the KEGS Board of Directors next year. We will have the election of officers during the first part of our December meeting. At that time, we will receive additional nominations from the floor so it's not too late if you are still interested in serving on the Board but haven't yet given your name to the folks on the Committee.

Remember that the North Bellevue Community Center will be closed for repair and upgrading from December 25<sup>th</sup> through January 10<sup>th</sup>. I think that the only SIG that will have to be cancelled during that period will be the Internet SIG that normally meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

That's it for now. I hope to see each of you at the December General Meeting or at your favorite SIG. If I don't see you before then, have a Merry Christmas and I wish you happy and safe computing!

*Ron Cowger*

*President*

# KEGS GENERAL MEETING AND ASSOCIATED SIGS

## KEGS T-shirts

Remember, you score extra KEGABUCK\$ 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 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

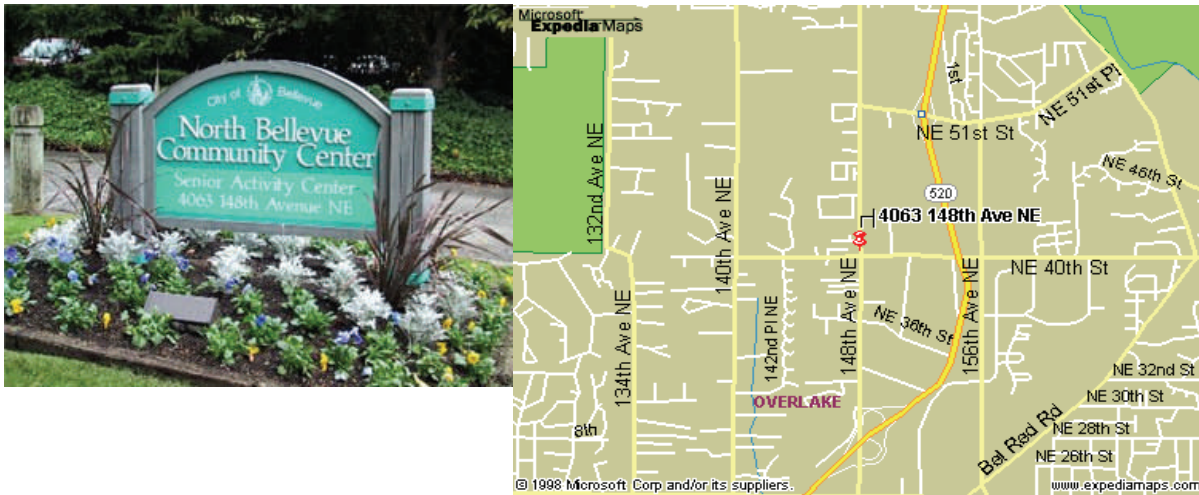
## SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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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