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Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Happy New Year to all of you and yours! If you happened to see any news coverage of the New Years Eve celebrations that took place on “The Strip” in Las Vegas, you might have seen Terry and me in the crowd there with 315,000 of our closest friends. Wow, what an interesting and exciting way to bring in the New Year! At midnight, seven or eight of the larger casinos initiated large fireworks displays from their rooftops and the shows continued for about eight minutes. There were so many different locations firing fireworks that one could not watch all of them at the same time. The displays were very beautiful (and loud) and the whole atmosphere during the evening resulted in a wonderful way to bring in the New Year! It was sort of like Times Square in New York but a lot warmer and without the snow.

As we enter the New Year I want to welcome the new members who have agreed to serve on your Board of Directors and thank them for their willingness to spend some of their time in helping guide the organization and in making it even better. Joining the Board as Members at Large are Jon Mercer and Dick Arensberg. Thanks for joining us and I look forward to working with you on the Board. I also want to forward a big “thank you” to David Dodge who will no longer be on the Board. He helped us many times by offering technical help that was very critical to some of the projects that we accomplished during his time on the Board. Thanks much, David. And thanks for continuing to run the Windows SIG. I know that you are a busy fellow and your time is limited.

With regard to the Windows SIG, David is seeking input from those members who have ideas that might help him re-focus the SIG. He is asking folks to tell him what type of information on operating systems, network issues, hardware, or any other topics that would draw more attendees to the SIG meetings that he hosts. David has a broad background of technical information and is trying to focus the presentations at the Windows SIG on topics that are of broader interest to the KEGS membership. Please contact him with your ideas. His contact information is on the KEGS website under the Windows SIG entry.

I hope that each of you enjoyed the December General Meeting presentation on Windows 7. Sean Gilmour again did an outstanding job of describing and demonstrating many of the new or enhanced features that are now available in Windows 7. One could tell from the many questions that our members asked that they were interested in the new operating system and found the new features to be exciting and potentially great time savers. I look



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forward to upgrading to the new operating system as soon as I obtain the hardware necessary to support it adequately.

Sally Ann has arranged an interesting speaker for our January General Meeting. He is a retired FBI agent, Wilson Quist, who will speak to us on Cons and Scams. I'm told that he will talk about more than just computer-based crimes but will include other acts that are used to try to separate folks from their resources. Since most of our members are from my generation, I know that we are often targeted by folks who perpetrate these types of acts as they feel that we are the most vulnerable potential victims. I think the presentation will be beneficial to all of us. I hope to see you there.

Through the end of the year, forty-four computer enthusiasts have already renewed their memberships in KEGS and are now Early Bird members for 2010. Thanks very much for your confidence in the organization. We finished 2009 with our group membership at sixty-three. Now it is time to focus on building our membership in the New Year. I encourage those of you who have not yet done so to renew your memberships 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 on the form. An even easier way would be to bring your completed form and your check to the next General Meeting and give it to John there.

Remember that the North Bellevue Community Center will be closed for repair and upgrading from December 25th through January 10th. 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 January General Meeting or at your favorite SIG. I wish you 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.

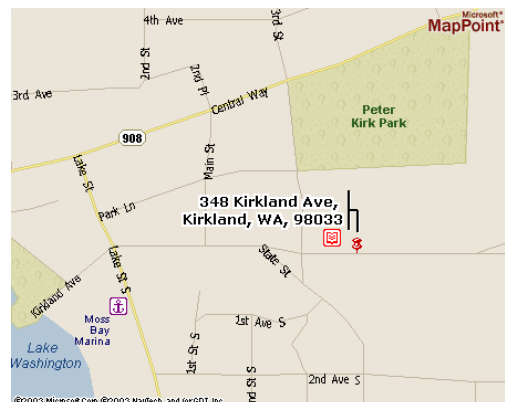
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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 Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group seasigi@kegs.org	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

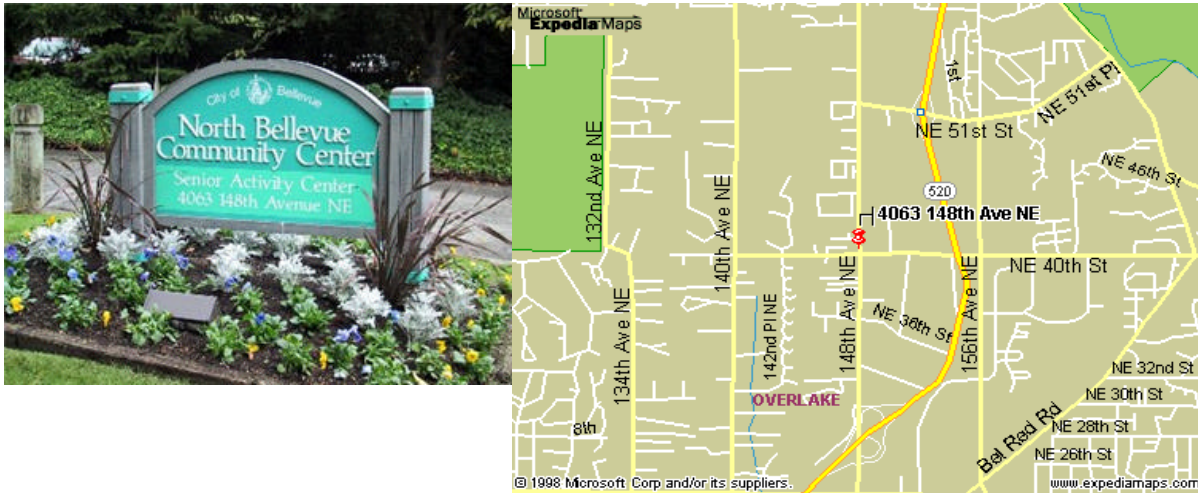
SIG Meeting Locations:

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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