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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

**Ron Cowger**

I am writing this month's column earlier than normal as my wife and I are going on a short trip to Arizona through the first of the month. Normally we travel to the sunny southland for a break to get away from the cloudy and wet Puget Sound region. However, this year we have had such a mild winter that the "better weather" excuse doesn't seem quite as appropriate. Anyway, we will still enjoy a great visit with friends and family plus a wonderful week in Sedona. Since we leave soon, this column will not include comments about the March Board Meeting as I will miss that.

First, I want to thank all of the members who helped at the work party that was held at KTUB on March 4<sup>th</sup>. I'm told that all of the new PCs, new to them, were configured and installed in the teen's computer lab. Also, work was started on the laptops used by the Senior Center but was completed later after some difficulties were encountered upgrading the operating systems to Windows 7. Should you decide to upgrade the operating system on one of your personal computers from Vista to Windows 7, you should know that it's best to go from the same version of Vista to that version of Windows 7. For example, go from the Home version Vista to the Home version of Windows 7. Going from the Home version of Vista to the Ultimate version of Windows 7, for example, is not supported by Microsoft.

I hope that each of you enjoyed the webinar on Acronis software that was presented at the March General Meeting. I'm told that the presentation went well and that sales of the new software that was described by Gene Barlow were good. Based on that, I have to assume that the webinar was well received. I want to thank Bob Baxter for running the Skype connection for the webinar and Barbara Marasco for helping with the software sales at the meeting. Both folks did great work and the webinar would not have succeeded without them.

The presentation at the April meeting will be by our own Carl Von Papp. He is going to give us some insight into what we should expect in MS Office 2010 based on the features that are in the beta version of the software. Carl has been working with the beta software for a couple of months so he has had time to find many of the new or upgraded features. I think each of you will find the presentation useful in helping you decide whether or not you will want to upgrade to Office 2010 when the software is released later this year.

So far this year, fifty-five computer enthusiasts have joined or renewed their memberships in KEGS. Thanks very much for your confidence in the organization. We finished 2009 with sixty-three members in our group. We still need to focus on building our membership throughout 2010. 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



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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.

As I hope each of you knows, the KEGaBuck\$ Auction is coming up again in June. As in past years, we will be seeking donations of items that you may have stuck away in the closet or drawer some place but no longer need. We are seeking software, hardware or other computer-related items that may be of interest to your fellow members. In order to help ensure that we have items that will generate interest, the Board of Directors has developed some guidelines for items contributed. I am attaching a copy of those guidelines to the end of this newsletter.

### **SEE THE NEXT PAGE**

If you have items to donate, please give them to any member of the Board or to a SIG leader and your contributions will be forwarded to the folks who are setting up the Auction.

That's it for now. I hope to see each of you at your favorite SIG and at the April General Meeting. I wish you happy and safe computing!

*Ron Cowger*

*President*



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## AUCTION DONATION GUIDELINES

1. Only software that runs on operating systems of Windows XP or newer will be accepted.
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 IV with a speed of 1.6 GHz or higher.
6. Printers need to have Windows XP or newer drivers and cartridges should be available. USB connections are preferred but not required.
7. No CRT monitors will be accepted.

# 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:jackbewitch@comcast.net">jackbewitch@comcast.net</a>	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960

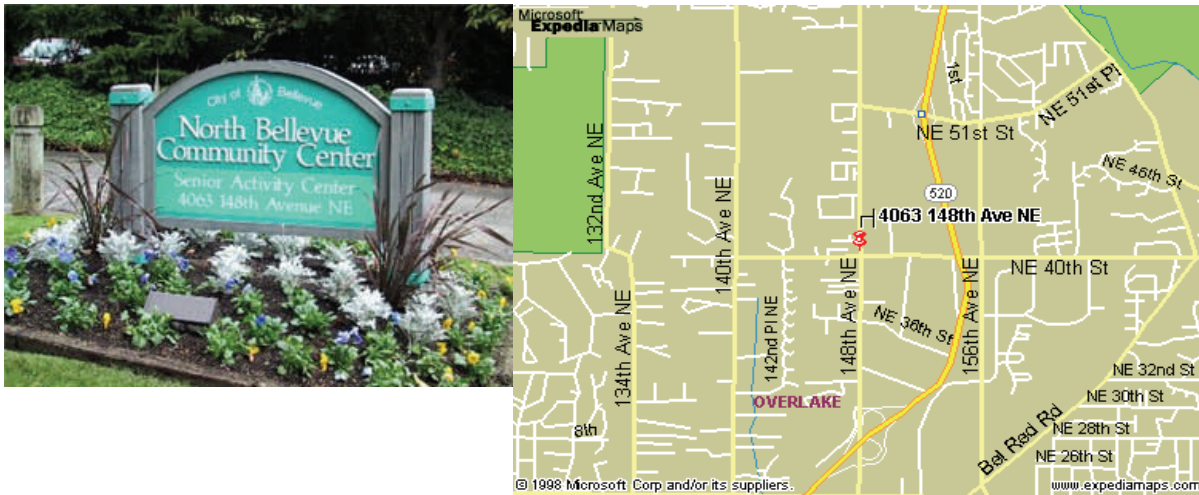
## SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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

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

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