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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

*Prez Says:*

**Ron Cowger**

I am pleased to report that I have not had any further problems with my Sony laptop since the BSOD that it suffered on April 14<sup>th</sup>. I sincerely hope that I have seen the last of those problems and can only speculate that perhaps one of the several “updates” that Microsoft has released in the last couple of months might have solved the problem. Being the skeptic that I am, I won’t be confident that the issue has been completely corrected until I have error-free operations for several months in succession.

Incidentally, I took the laptop on our recent cruise through the Panama Canal and it worked well for the twenty days that we were away from home. If any of you ever have the opportunity to take a laptop on a cruise, be warned that use of your computer while aboard the ship will probably be very frustrating. If you thought the old dial-up Internet connections were slow, you may decide that they were quite reasonable when compared to trying to surf the net or read email through a shared satellite connection on a ship. In light of the cost of the on-board service, one feels that real money is being wasted after one clicks on a selection and then waits a minute or so to get any response at all from the Internet. It’s the slowest, most expensive connection that I have ever seen. Wow, talk about frustrating!

I hope that each of you found the information that you received from “Toolie” Garner on Facebook at the May General Meeting to be useful and educational. I’m told that the presentation was very well organized, well presented and covered the topic thoroughly. When I asked the members of the Board at our last meeting if any of them had been convinced to open a Facebook account, there were no new subscribers in the group. I think most of us are just too conservative to take the leap into social networking until we are convinced that all, or at least most, of the security issues have been solved.

I hope that all of you know that the June General Meeting is the Annual KEGaBuck\$ Auction. Sally Ann and her helpers have been working hard at collecting items and arranging the evening’s activities. You can anticipate that sometime during the weekend before the auction you will receive via email a list of the items offered for auction. Please look over the list and do your homework/research on those items that may be of interest to you before the auction. Don’t count on the auctioneers being able to tell you during the auction whether or not the items being offered are compatible with your software or hardware.



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There won't be time during the auction to look up the specifications. We will have a few snacks and beverages for your enjoyment before the Auction and during the break. Also, please remember that if you donated a larger item; monitor, CPU, printer, scanner, etc.; to the auction and the item does not receive any bids, it is your responsibility to take the item home and dispose of it appropriately. Last year several of the members of the Board got stuck with having to take home items that did not sell and that is not fair to them. Thanks for your cooperation on this point.

We still have eleven of the new KEGS vests, both grey and green, for sale. The price is \$26.00 per vest for sizes Medium through XL. All of the size 2XL vests have been sold. Please come to the meeting with the correct change or a check in order to make your purchase. I repeat, please have the correct amount for your purchase. Everyone who has seen one of the new vests thinks they look great and I'm confident that you will agree. We will all look very sharp in them.

Again, this month there are two new tips from Sharon Parq Associates added to our monthly newsletter. There is one for using Word and the other for Excel, each designed to expand our knowledge of these applications. If you want access to additional tips from this company, you can go to their websites at [word.tips.net](http://word.tips.net) or [excel.tips.net](http://excel.tips.net). I think you'll find the information interesting and useful.

The most recent figures from John Tate indicate that we now have fifty-two members in KEGS. If we can get six more folks to renew or join our group, we will be at the number we had at the end of 2010. I hope that those of you who haven't gotten around to renewing yet will do so 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/cash to the next General Meeting and give it to John there.

That's it for now. I will see you at the Auction. Previewing of the items being offered will start at 5:30 PM and the auction will start at 6:30 PM on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to bring your KEGaBuck\$ from home. We will have two folks checking you in for the Auction. John Tate will punch your membership card, give you attendance KEGaBuck\$ for the month and drawing tickets. Next, check in with Sally Ann who will have more KEGaBuck\$ for you.



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Remember, if you attended at least nine of the last twelve General Meetings, you will receive extra, bonus KEGaBuck\$ for your use at the Auction. Sally Ann will give you any bonus KEGaBuck\$ you've earned plus those that you earned by attending SIGs and doing volunteer work during the past year. Good luck at the Auction.

I wish you happy and safe computing!

*Ron Couger*  
*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 ink/toner cartridges should be available. USB connections are preferred but not required.
7. No CRT monitors will be accepted.



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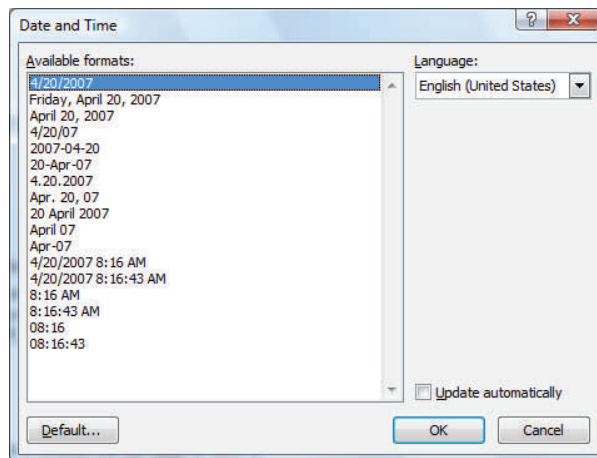
## Word Tip of the Month

### Inserting the Date and Time

Undoubtedly, the time will arise when you need to insert the current date or time in your document. This may be in the introduction of a letter or in a header or footer. Word allows you to quickly insert the date or time in several different formats. This information is inserted as a field which can be updated manually or is updated automatically when you print the document.

To insert the date or time into your document, follow these steps:

1. Position the insertion point where you want the date or time inserted.
2. Display the Insert tab of the ribbon.
3. Click Date & Time in the Text group. Word displays the Date and Time dialog box.



*The Date and Time dialog box.*

4. Select a format for the date or time.
5. Select the check box at the bottom of the dialog box if you want the selected date or time to always reflect whatever is current. If you choose this, it means that Word inserts the date or time as a field so that it always represents the current date or time.
6. Click on OK. The date or time, as specified, is inserted in your document.



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## *Excel Tip of the Month*

### ***Inserting Tomorrow's Date***

You may want to insert tomorrow's date into a cell in your worksheet. This is easily done by simply creating a formula that includes the function for today's date, as in the following:

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=TODAY () + 1
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This formula first determines today's date and then adds 1 to it, resulting in tomorrow's date. You can then use Excel's formatting features to display the resulting date in any manner desired.

Besides displaying tomorrow's date, you can modify the formula to display a date at any time in the future. Simply change the formula so the desired number of days are being added to today's date. For instance, if you wanted to determine a date two weeks in the future, you could use the following:

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=TODAY () + 14
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# KEGS GENERAL MEETING AND ASSOCIATED SIGS

## KEGS T-shirts/Vests

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.

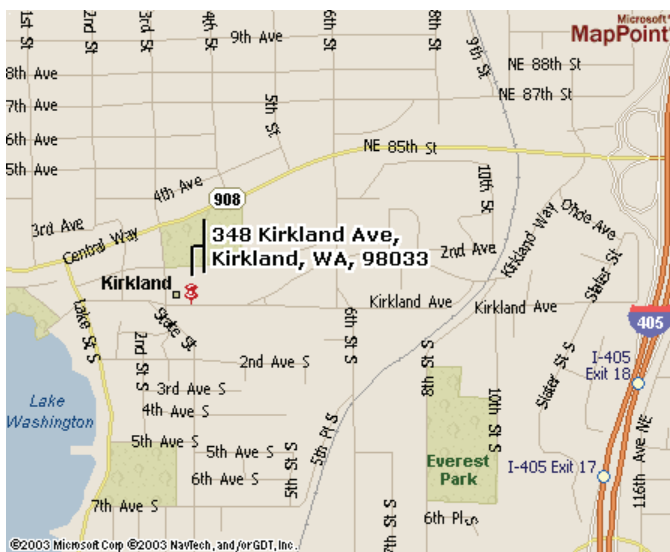
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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 Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	HTML SIG <a href="mailto:jackbewitch@comcast.net">jackbewitch@comcast.net</a>	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Seattle Internet User Group <a href="mailto:seasigi@kegs.org">seasigi@kegs.org</a>	Marianne Wilkins
2nd 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
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Computer Use and Optimization <a href="mailto:ctheprof@aol.com">ctheprof@aol.com</a>	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Servers, Networks and Storage <a href="mailto:daviddodge1@compuserve.com">daviddodge1@compuserve.com</a>	David Dodge
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office (SOHO) <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	Ron Cowger
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	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	KEGS Board Meeting <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	Ron Cowger



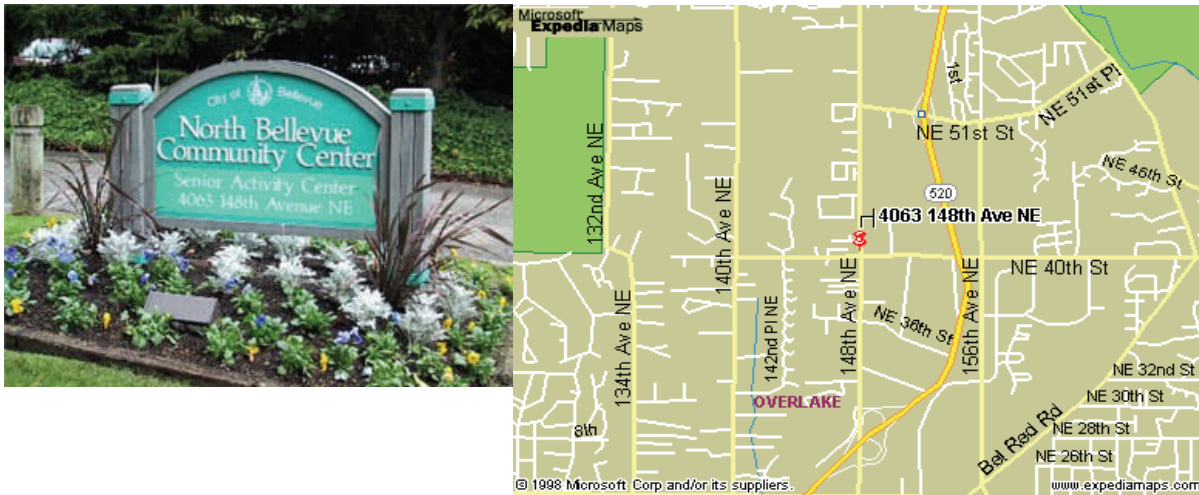
## SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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 The North Bellevue Community / Senior Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA Conf. Rm D, 7-9 PM on the 4 Wed. of the month (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>.

Contact us at: Email: [info@kegs.org](mailto:info@kegs.org)  
The Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle  
PMB# 195  
677 120th Ave NE, Suite 2A  
Bellevue, WA 98005  
Or call 425-747-2433 before 9 PM

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