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Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

If you are like most of us, one of your primary uses of your computer is accessing information and entertainment sites on the Internet. Most of us write an occasional letter in Word and/or prepare an occasional spreadsheet in Excel if we are tracking information that lends itself to a spreadsheet but most of our time is spent using a browser to access the Internet. Statistics show that many folks don't get a daily newspaper anymore but instead get their news from either TV or the Internet. We also look up definitions and research other information on the Internet. Many folks use the term Google as a verb..."Just Google it and you'll get your answer." Some of us haven't been in a public library for years as we have most of the information that we need accessible on our home computer. So now comes the question – When did you last go to the KEGS website to read computer information, get meeting schedules or seek other user group information that you wanted? The Board has taken on the task of updating the information on the KEGS website and we have found that much of it is not as current as it should be. I think you'll agree that in some cases our web site is our "face to the outside world" as newcomers might look there to learn more about our organization. We want the site to be attractive, useful and informative. If you don't find the site to be useful to you, please let one of the members of the Board know so that we can try to implement any suggestions that you may have. Obviously, our goal is to have a site that is useful and informative to both our members and to nonmembers that might visit KEGS.org. Please help.

If you attended the September General Meeting I hope that you enjoyed the presentation by David Tesar on IE9. I learned a lot more about the new browser from David than I did at the Microsoft Store the previous month. He convinced me that I should download the new browser and use it on my Windows 7 computer. It seems to have enough improvements to justify the upgrade. Keep your fingers crossed for me.

The presentation at the October General Meeting will be on Wi Fi tablets. Sally Ann has arranged for Sean Peterson from Staples to talk to us about this currently very popular topic. He will tell us about the different features of several different models and give us some insight as to what to look for if one is selecting a model to buy. Sean hopes to be able to bring a couple of representatives from tablet manufacturers to our meeting to give us more detailed information on the products that they represent. It should be an interesting and informative meeting. I hope to see you there.

We still have ten of the new KEGS vests, both grey and green, for sale. The price is



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\$26.00 per vest for sizes Medium through XL. All of the size 2XL vests have been sold. If you'd like to have a vest, please come to the meeting with the correct change or a check in order to make your purchase. Everyone who has one of the new vests thinks they look great and I'm confident that you will agree. Now that cooler weather has arrived, the vest is an especially nice addition to a member's fall wardrobe. We will all look very sharp in them.

This month, for the first time in quite a while, there are no new tips from Sharon Parq Associates included in our monthly newsletter. We have been informed that the company is no longer distributing the tips to user groups for use in their newsletters each month. However, you can still go to their websites at word.tips.net or excel.tips.net where they have hundreds of tips listed. If you have found the tips interesting and useful in the past, please let a member of the Board know about it as we are evaluating the possibility of selecting Word and Excel tips each month to include in the newsletter. If there is little or no interest, we won't bother.

Also starting in October, we will be looking for members who would be willing to serve on the KEGS Board of Directors next year. I encourage each of you to consider volunteering some of your time to help run the user group. The Board only meets once a month for less than two hours so most jobs on the Board don't take too much of a member's time. If you feel that the organization needs some new ideas and fresh faces on the Board, please volunteer to serve for a year. Just tell any member of the Board that you are interested and he/she will give your name to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee this year consists of Sally Ann Mowrey, Bob Baxter and me. Thanks for giving it some thought. We need you!

The most recent figures from John Tate indicate that we still have fifty-four members in KEGS. I'd still like to recruit some more folks to join us this year but I also want to remind you that you can now renew your membership for next year and earn the designation of an Early Bird member. This designation gets you an additional, free drawing ticket each month when you sign in at the General Meetings. Also, I want to remind all current KEGS members that you can earn \$8.00 off of next year's dues for each new member that you recruit to join KEGS. If you can entice three new members to join this year, your dues for next year will be waived. Isn't that a great deal?

That's it for now. I will see you at the General Meeting or at one of our SIGs. I wish you happy and safe computing!

Ron Cowger — President

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.

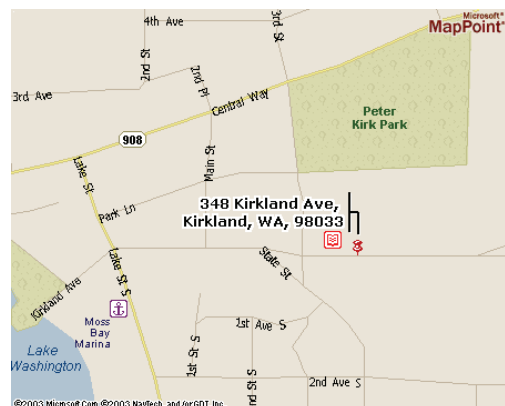
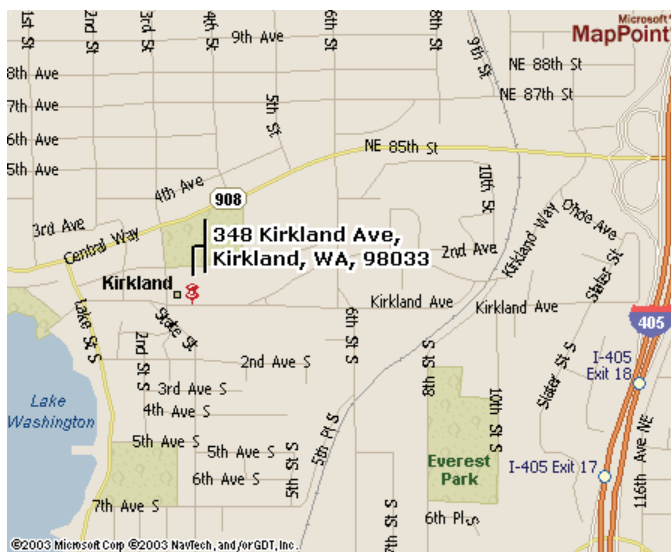
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
2nd Monday	6 PM - 7 PM	Kirkland Teen Union Building	Technology Corner 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 Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	HTML SIG jackbewitch@comcast.net	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Seattle Internet User Group seasigi@kegs.org	Marianne Wilkins
2nd 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
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Computer Use and Optimization ctheprof@aol.com	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Servers, Networks and Storage daviddodge1@compuserve.com	David Dodge
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office (SOHO) r_cowger@prodigy.net	Ron Cowger
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Digital Imaging SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-996-5635
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS Board Meeting r_cowger@prodigy.net	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>.

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To submit articles or software reviews for incorporation into this Newsletter, please send them to: newsletter@kegs.org