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Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Here we are again rolling into the Christmas season. There are many aspects of this time of year that I enjoy very much; sharing time with family and friends, beautiful Christmas decorations, good food, hearing from friends that we don't communicate with very often, and the joyous, upbeat mood that seems to be more prevalent this time of year. The things I don't enjoy are trying to stay on, or near, my diet, selecting Christmas presents for my wife and answering the frequent question, "What do you want for Christmas, Dad?" I think I'm like most men at my stage of life in that I don't need much that I don't already have and I don't want more "stuff" that I don't need. I know that makes it very hard for my family members to buy for me but I have a really hard time coming up with a "wish list" to help my family out this time of year. Anyone else have that problem? Since my primary hobbies are playing with computers, our yard and travel, I have almost every gadget or accessory that goes with those areas of interest. Has anyone seen any information on a new, reasonably priced gadget or peripheral device that makes our time at the computer more fun or productive? I haven't seen anything this year that has caught my interest. Oh well, I'll keep thinking regarding this dilemma. Anyway, I really mean it when I say that I hope that you and yours have a fantastic holiday season.

If you attended the November General Meeting I hope that you enjoyed the presentation by Buzz Bruggeman on ActiveWords. I really appreciate Sally Ann's efforts to find a last-minute presenter when the presenter who had been scheduled to appear was unable to make it to the meeting. Also, I want to thank Buzz for filling in for us with very little notice. I was very impressed by his demonstration of ActiveWords and his explanation of how it increased a user's productivity. It can be configured to save a PC user a lot of navigation clicks and typing as he/she moves from task to task. I plan to obtain a copy of the program and try it for myself to see if I can make it work as well as it worked for our presenter. I was impressed and I hope that you were, too.

As I write this column, we are having a difficult time getting our scheduled presenter to confirm his availability for the December General Meeting. As a last-minute replacement we plan a two-part activity. First, we will watch funny or particularly interesting videos that will be supplied by our members--five minute limit, no political or religious videos, please. We ask that you record the URL for your offering on a thumb drive and bring it to the meeting. Second, Herb Johnson and Bill Butler will give a joint presentation about taking digital photographs of flowers. We will also have eggnog and cookies. It should be an interesting and informative meeting. I hope to see you there.



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We still have nine 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. 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 any member's fall wardrobe. We will all look very sharp in them.

Please remember that the first part of the December General Meeting will be dedicated to our annual election of members to serve on our Board of Directors. We are still looking for members who would be willing to serve on the Board for next year. I encourage each of you to consider volunteering some of your time to help run KEGS. 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. 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!

It looks like we will finish out 2011 with fifty-five 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 renew your membership now 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.

Lastly, I want to remind all current KEGS members that you can earn \$8.00 credit toward 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! Also, I hope that you have a wonderful holiday season; however you choose to celebrate it.

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.

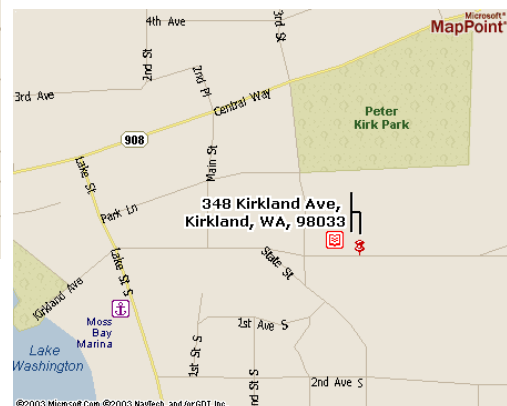
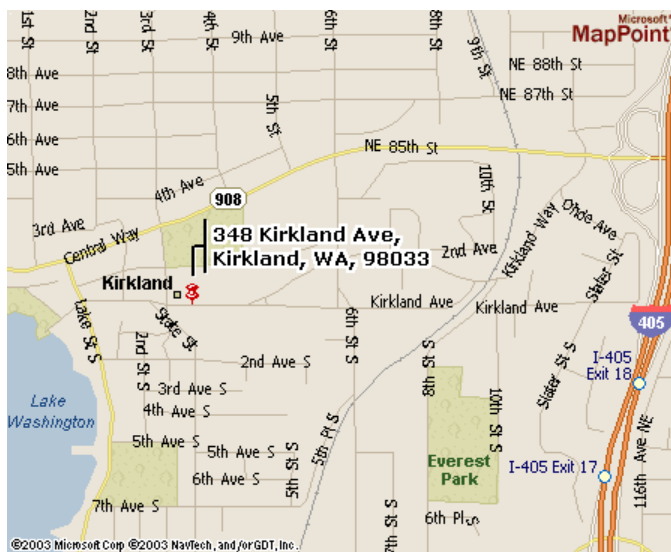
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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

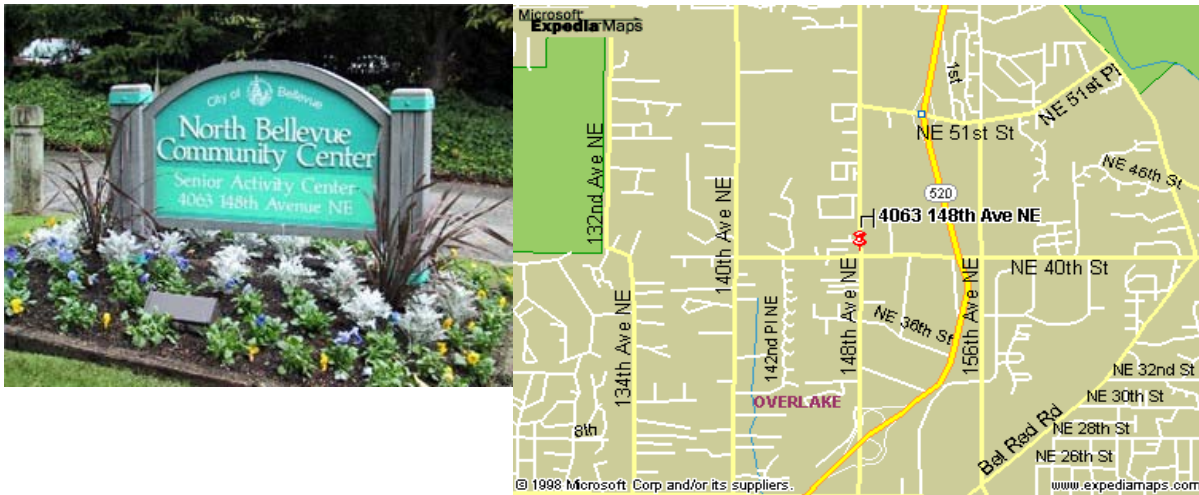
SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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