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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Jon Mercer

Welcome everyone to March and the beginning of warmer weather. This means we will be heading outside more if it stops raining!

Windows 8 and Office 2013 are in full swing. For those that have an interest in Internet Explorer 10, it has been released. I thought it was still in beta; I hadn't been keeping up on its development since they were just going to transition everyone at Microsoft to it later this month. If you would like to install IE 10, it will be showing up eventually in Windows Update, or you can go to <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/internet-explorer/download-ie>.

Though if you do use applications that are web-based, test them on one system before installing IE 10 on all of your computers.

Google has just announced their large-scale beta release of Google Glass, which is a small LCD screen that sits just in front of your eye, which will make things appear fairly large when you are looking through it. It will also have Bluetooth, video, and audio capability. It is not going to be out until fall, and currently the announced price is below \$1500, but they don't say how much below. To be on the extended beta, you have to sign up saying why you would like one. Then if you are chosen, you have to go to New York, LA, or San Francisco, and give them \$1500 to borrow the Glass for testing. This is also first-generation technology, so expect, like anything else, possible issues. For the CNET review, go to http://news.cnet.com/8301-17938_105-57571951-1/friday-poll-will-you-buy-first-generation-google-glass/?ttag=fbwp.



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For people with Windows Phone 8 on HTC and Nokia, there have been some known issues with either the cellular turning off or getting a SIM error. A firmware update from at least HTC has been released, but this update may possibly cause your phone to crash. You can just exchange your phone; your new one will come with the update already installed. Otherwise you can wait another month or three, and your cell carrier will probably put out a tested version of the firmware that they ran through the paces on their own phones.

If you are in the market for a new camera, but you want one that can take a beating, *Backpacker* magazine had a review recently of a couple of different camera types that could take a real beating and keep going. You can check them out in the March issue; they do charge you to see their magazine online. The best for quality and toughness was the Olympus Tough TG-1.

For those of us that use a lot of things that run on batteries, Lilliputian Systems out of Massachusetts is developing a fuel-cell-based battery recharging system. Its first product called Nectar is coming out in the May time period and will run on butane. When you plug in a USB device, it will release some of the butane which will create a charge. One cartridge will charge a cell phone once a day for two weeks. It will cost \$299 plus \$10 per cartridge but could be something to keep an eye on for the future of running electronics as an alternative to batteries. You can read more about it at their website at <http://www.nectarpower.com/#product>.



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We are getting close to our Auction, so please start looking around to see what you would like to donate to it.

Remember, we have moved to our new meeting space at the Peter Kirk Community Center, which is next door to our old meeting space at KTUB.

Jon Mercer — 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 Peter Kirk Community / Senior Center - 325 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
2nd Monday	6 PM - 7 PM	Kirkland's Peter Kirk Community Center	Technology Corner betacode@hotmail.com	Steve Fondren
2nd Monday	7 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland's Peter Kirk Community Center	KEGS General Meeting	
2nd Monday	9:30 PM - ? PM	Outback Steakhouse 12120 NE 85 th, Kirkland	Pig SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-902-7381

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 Peter Kirk Community Center / Senior Center is part of a string of three connected buildings. At the street (Kirkland Way) is Kirkland's Performance Center (350 Kirkland Ave.), then comes the Peter Kirk Community 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
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 206-902-7381
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS Board Meeting r_cowger@prodigy.net	Jon Mercer

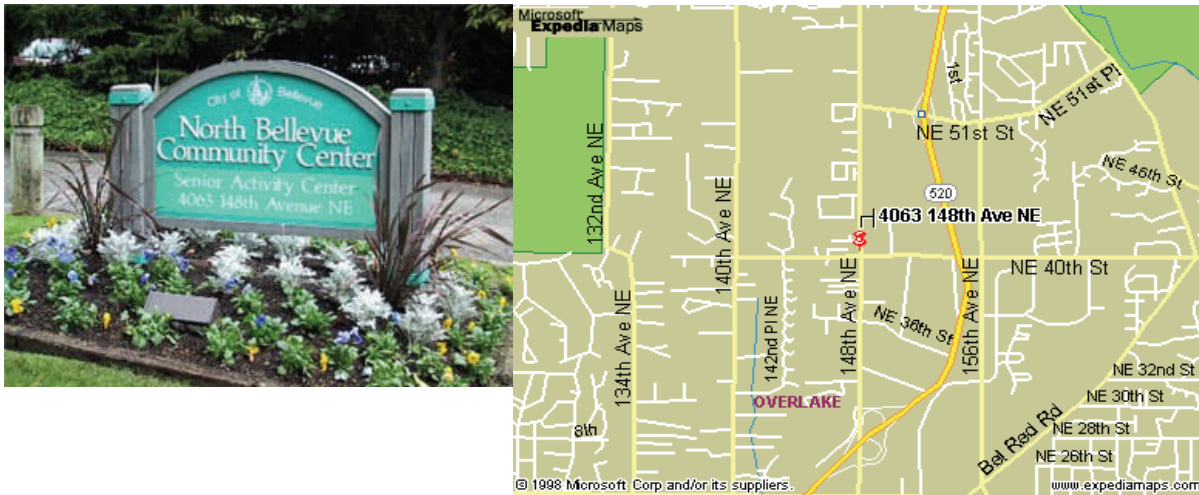
SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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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