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Prez Says:

Jon Mercer

Welcome everyone to 2014. We have survived another trip around the sun.

We have had another year of elections, and the board will be the same again. Thank you for your support of the current board in electing us for another year.

First, news from Microsoft. Nothing major is in the pipe as of right now. After the X-Box One release in November, it has for the most part been pretty quiet. The only real new thing is the silent release of a new Surface Pro 2 with a faster Haswell-based Intel processor. Also in the spring will be the release of the new USB dock and battery keyboard for the Surface and Surface 2 lines.

There has been talk of a Windows 8.2, but I haven't seen any real mention of it officially at work.

The January meeting is going to be a presentation by Dale Baskin, "Leveraging Technology to Achieve Your Photographic Vision." I am going to be late for the meeting because I am helping support the mid-year reviews at Microsoft and am scheduled to be there at least till after 7pm.

On March 9th through the 11th, there will be a presentation at Benaroya Hall by Jim and Jamie Dutcher called the Hidden Life of Wolves. For more information and tickets, go to: <http://www.seattlesymphony.org/symphony/buy/single/production.aspx?id=15087&src=t>

If you haven't been keeping up on cell phone terminology as of late, there are now devices between tablets which start at around 8" and a phone that is usually up to 5". They are called Phablets, and they have they are usually around 6 to 8 inches in size, so they get into the tablet area, but they have full voice capability of a phone. So you get the larger size to do web browsing, and if you want, have a huge phone up against your ear while talking.



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Speaking of phones, a company by the name of Yellow Jacket has come out with a phone case for the iPhone 5 that has a built in taser. Just hope it doesn't go off in your pocket or while talking on the phone. http://ces.cnet.com/8301-35294_1-57616891/zap-yellow-jacket-stun-gun-case-powers-up-for-iphone-5/?ttag=fbwp

For anyone who might have been interested in seeing what was offered at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) this year, there is a fair-sized breakdown at CNET's website. <http://ces.cnet.com/>

According to <http://www.nbcnews.com/technology/forget-4k-tvs-most-americans-still-own-vcr-2D11876842> 58 percent of Americans still own a VCR, while 57 percent own a computer, and 38 percent own a tablet device. I actually got rid of my VCR a couple years ago.

The interesting thing about technology is that in a decade or two, people will be going, oh yea I remember that archaic device, which right now is considered state of the art. Here is a look back at what were the big things in technology in 1983/84 at CES. <http://paleofuture.gizmodo.com/heres-how-ridiculous-this-years-ces-will-look-in-2034-1495500665/@sarahzhang>

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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