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Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Here we are in November, the beginning of the holiday season. I walked into Home Depot about ten days ago and was surprised to see their Christmas decorations were on display already! In fact, they had both Halloween and Christmas items on display just a few feet from each other. I think that's ridiculous but I guess I should be used to it. It seems like those in the retail world bring out their Christmas "stuff" earlier each year. Even though the retailers encourage us to start shopping early, I will still struggle to find something for my wife as Christmas approaches. Even after being married for forty-nine years, I'm not very good at this annual challenge. I have learned that one should never buy an item that has an electrical cord on it as a gift for his wife. I'm hoping she'll drop me a hint. She never gets tired of receiving jewelry so.....

As you do your own Christmas shopping and if you order items from Amazon, I hope you will remember to log into smile.amazon.com and designate KEGS as the beneficiary of the Amazon Smile non-profit donations that result from your purchases. Your purchases will not cost you any more than normal but KEGS will get a small donation to our funds as a result of your purchases. That always helps...

I hope that those of you who attended the October General Meeting enjoyed Carl's presentation on Microsoft Office Online. It appears that the Word and Excel functions on this free version of Office are robust enough to meet the needs of many, if not most, home users. I did notice that the online versions do not include the Mail Merge function. I would miss that around Christmas time when I use Mail Merge to create our address labels for Christmas cards. (Yes, I know we're old fashioned in that we still mail Christmas cards. Our friends and family seem to enjoy receiving them so we send them out each year.) Thanks much, Carl, for agreeing to do the presentation for the General Meeting.

Please remember that folks who renew their KEGS memberships for 2017 between now and December 31st will earn the designation of Early Bird Members. As I think you know, by being an Early Bird Member, you will receive an extra drawing ticket when you check in at the General Meetings. Renewal forms are available from John Tate, our Treasurer, or you can fill out the form on the KEGS



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web site (if you use IE to view it), print it out and send it along with your check to the address shown on the form. (Remember to spell out Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle on your envelope as the folks at the Post Office get confused by KEGS.) 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.

The Nominating Committee is still looking for members who would like to serve on the KEGS Board of Directors. 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 about 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, Gary Skelton and me. Thanks for giving it some thought.

As I hope you know, the KEGS baseball caps have arrived and are for sale. To date, we have already sold fifteen of them and everyone thinks they look great. If you haven't bought one yet, see me at a future General Meeting and I (or John Tate) can help you with your purchase. As you know, wearing either a KEGS shirt, vest, or cap to our meetings will earn our members extra KEGaBuck\$ for attending. (No, you won't get double the number of extra KEGaBuck\$ for wearing two items of KEGS clothing at the same time. Sorry.)

That's it for now. I hope to see each of you at an upcoming SIG as I will miss the November General Meeting. 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 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 ([CLICK HERE](#)) 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	Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue endeavor@frontier.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Jon Mercer
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Seattle Internet User Group (SEASIGI) gary.skelton@gmail.com	Gary Skelton 425-861-7813
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Computer Use and Optimization cavp_95@outlook.com	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
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	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: board@kegs.org

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