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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Ah, the Holiday season is indeed upon us. I hope that each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday including having an opportunity to share the day with family and/or friends. Now it is time to tackle the challenges of preparing for Christmas while enjoying the season at the same time. Decorating the house and purchasing presents for family members are often two time-consuming and difficult chores that sometimes detract some of us from the otherwise wonderful season. Once I finish these chores, I can sit back and enjoy the other, more enjoyable activities. Getting to that point is the tough part. Anyway, I really mean it when I say that I hope that you and yours have a fantastic holiday season.

If you are one of the many folks who does some of his/her holiday shopping on Amazon.com, please remember that you can contribute a small percentage of the costs of your purchases to KEGS through the Amazon Smile program. KEGS, as a non-profit organization, qualifies for participation in this program and we have registered to do so. To contribute to KEGS using this program use your browser to go to smile.amazon.com and then sign in as you normally would to shop on the Amazon site. You will have an opportunity to select a charity to which you can contribute and you will have to use the search function to get to Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle. Yes, you will have to spell it out. Then you can "select" our organization as your Smile beneficiary and the system is set up. Smile.amazon.com will remember the organization that you selected and it will remain your selection until you take steps to change it. For future visits to shop at Amazon.com, just remember to log into smile.amazon.com for the contribution function to work. I made it easy by putting the special web site in my Favorites feature of my browser for future use. You could do the same. Remember, using this option does not cost you anything extra as you shop on the web site.

I want to thank Larry Ford for giving us a detailed presentation on the many things that one must consider when deciding what options to add to the basic Medicare coverage that many of us have. It's a complex subject but one that is important to most of us as we make additions and adjustments to our healthcare coverage. Thanks again, Larry.

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. The Nominating Committee has prepared a slate for the election, but remember that you can also nominate someone at the meeting.



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I want to remind you that KEGS caps are still available for purchase. I normally carry a few with me when attending the General Meeting and some of the SIGS. I think the caps look great and are suitable for wear by our members or even as a Christmas gift for a friend. Please think about making a purchase.

Now would be a good time to recruit new members for KEGS. Consider gifting a membership to another computer enthusiast. Remember to renew your membership now, before December 31st, 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.

I want to include in this newsletter, a special “Thank you” to John Tate who has served as the KEGS Treasurer for eleven years. He recently decided that it’s now someone else’s turn to take over this important job. John not only kept the books and helped track the membership applications and renewals but also came to almost every General Meeting to check members in and distributed drawing tickets and KEGaBuck\$. I can’t remember John ever missing a General Meeting and that alone shows exceptional dedication to his duties. He did a great job for the group and deserves thanks from all of us. I hope you will take a minute to shake his hand and express your appreciation for his work for the group.

That’s it for now. I hope to see you soon 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 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>.

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