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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

## *Prez Says:*

**Ron Cowger**

Welcome to March in the Pacific Northwest. As I write this column we are having a snow storm at our house and rain showers are predicted on a daily basis for the next six or seven days. Let's hope that the old saying about March "coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb" holds true this year. I'm ready for a few dry days in a row so that one can enjoy the out of doors occasionally. I may have to take a trip out of the area just to find some sun to recharge my outlook on life.

I strongly encourage those of you who have not yet paid your dues to do so as soon as you can. We need your membership, enjoy having you as a member and look forward to seeing each of you at future meetings. You can pay your dues by filling out a renewal form on our website and giving the form and a check for your dues to our Treasurer, Dick Arensberg, or by mailing it to our address as shown on the KEGS website. Please be sure to spell out Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle and follow it with (KEGS) when filling out the address on your envelope. The folks at USPS apparently need both components of our address in order to ensure that your envelope gets to our P. O. Box.

I hope that you found the presentation on Google Photos that we received at the February General Meeting both interesting and helpful. The app provides an easy way to backup, organize and retrieve your digital photos with minimum effort. I found the fact that the app stores one's photos in the cloud so they are accessible from different devices to be especially interesting. Also, the app includes an automated enhancement tool that makes applying simple corrections to your photos pretty easy. Lastly, it's free if you have a Google Account (with some conditions). It looks like a very handy app to me.

The management folks at the North Bellevue Community Center have asked us to reduce the amount of equipment that we keep in the storage room at the Center. Most of the stuff that we keep there consists of items that we need to support the Computer Support SIG. To save room, we sent the old CRT monitors that we had off to recycling. Now we need a couple of flat-screen monitors that we can use on computers that folks bring in to the SIG for help with problems that they are having. This is where you can help. If you have an old flat-screen monitor that you no longer need, would you please donate it to KEGS and let us use it for the Computer Support SIG? We are not fussy about size so if you've bought a new, bigger monitor for your desk at home, perhaps you can donate your old, smaller one to KEGS. Please think about it.



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## *Prez Says: Continued*

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That's about it for this month. For those of you who have a little Irish blood in your veins, I wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day. I think during the middle of March we all feel prone to help the Irish celebrate their special holiday, right? I wish you happy and safe computing and I look forward to seeing you at one of the several SIGs that KEGS sponsors.

*Ron Cowger — President*

# KEGS GENERAL MEETING AND ASSOCIATED SIGS

## KEGS T-shirts/Vests/Caps

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 <a href="mailto:betacode@hotmail.com">betacode@hotmail.com</a>	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 <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	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 <a href="mailto:endeavor@frontier.com">endeavor@frontier.com</a> (Computer repair & maintenance)	Jon Mercer
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Seattle Internet User Group (SEASIGI) <a href="mailto:gary.skelton@gmail.com">gary.skelton@gmail.com</a>	Gary Skelton 425-861-7813
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Computer Use and Optimization <a href="mailto:cavp_95@outlook.com">cavp_95@outlook.com</a>	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office (SOHO) <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	Ron Cowger
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Digital Imaging SIG <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-902-7381
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS Board Meeting <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	Ron Cowger

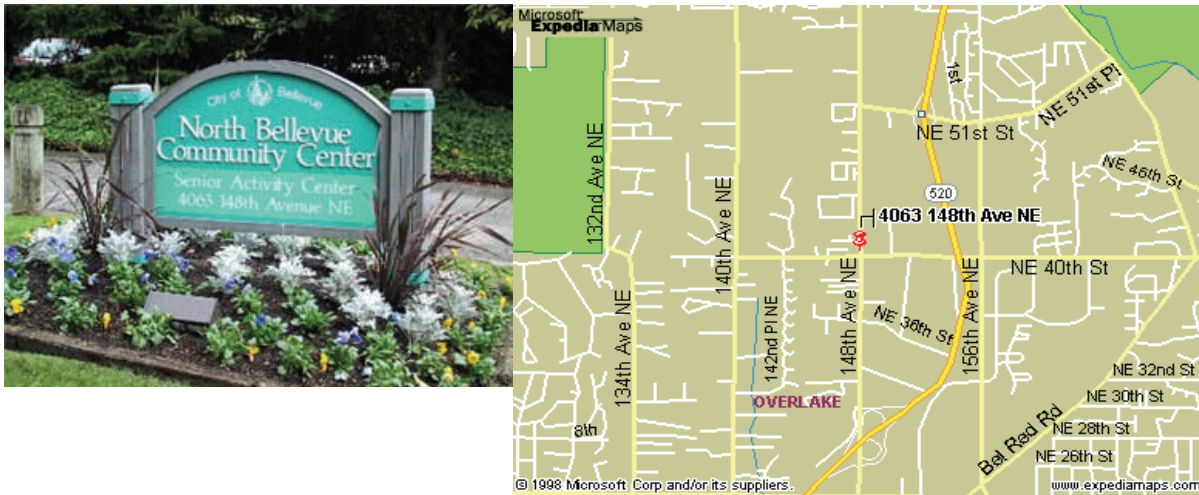
## SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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](mailto:board@kegs.org)

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