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Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Welcome to April. Two things come to mind when I think of April – Tax returns are due and the weather in the Pacific Northwest begins to turn nicer. I've had enough cloudy, wet and dreary days to last me a while. Bring on the real spring-like weather.

It's time to start thinking about the annual KEGS Auction that takes place at our June General Meeting. I encourage each of you to dig around in that closet where you store your computer "stuff" that is not currently in use, or maybe out in your garage, and see if there isn't something in your collection of goodies that you no longer need and that someone else may find useful. As you probably know, we no longer get any contributions of items from hardware or software developers or from computer stores so most of the items that we offer at our auction are contributed by our own members. Please make sure that anything you contribute is complete, including manuals and cables, and is functional. You may give your contributions to a member of the Board or any SIG leader. Also, since most folks don't want old software or hardware for retired operating systems, we are asking that everything you contribute works on Windows 7 or newer systems. Lastly, please label each item that you contribute with the donor's name and a brief description of the item. Thanks in advance for your anticipated, generous contributions.

Along the same line of thought, as you may know we were asked to reduce the amount of equipment that we keep in the storage room at NBCC. The equipment that we keep there is primarily used to set up and check equipment that is brought in to the Computer Support SIG. To take up less room, we have sent all of our CRT monitors off to recycling. Therefore, we need a couple of functional flat-screen monitors that we can use to trouble shoot desktop computers. If you have a flat-screen monitor that you may have retired when you bought a new, bigger one, we would appreciate it if you'd donate your old one to the lab. Please let one of the Board members know of your donation and we'll be happy to take your old monitor off of your hands and put it to good use.

I hope that those of you who haven't gotten around to renewing yet will do so as soon as possible. Renewal forms are available from Dick, our Treasurer, or you can fill out the form on the KEGS web site, print it out and send it along with your



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check to the address shown on the form. 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 letter gets to our P. O. Box. An even easier way would be to bring your completed form and your check/cash to the next General Meeting and give it to Dick there.

Please remember that new members receive 1000 KEGaBuck\$ for joining our group. This will allow the new member to have a useful amount of script to use for bidding at the next KEGS Auction even though he/she is new to our organization. Also, in an effort to encourage our new-member recruiting efforts, the Board has decided to award the current member that introduces a new member to KEGS an amount of 500 KEGaBuck\$ as a recognition of his/her efforts to bring in a new member. This award will replace the discount on the current member's dues that we used to offer as an award for bringing in new members.

I am happy to report that KEGS has received our first donation from Amazon under their Amazon Smile program. As you recall, the Amazon Corporation gives our group a small portion of any money spent on their site by folks who sign in under smile.amazon.com and then designate KEGS as the recipient of donations earned under this program. We received just over \$25.00 from purchases made over the last year or so. (It took us a while to work out the donation methodology but we've finally gotten it straightened out.)

That's it for now. I will see you at an upcoming General Meeting or at your favorite SIG. I wish you happy and safe computing!

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 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

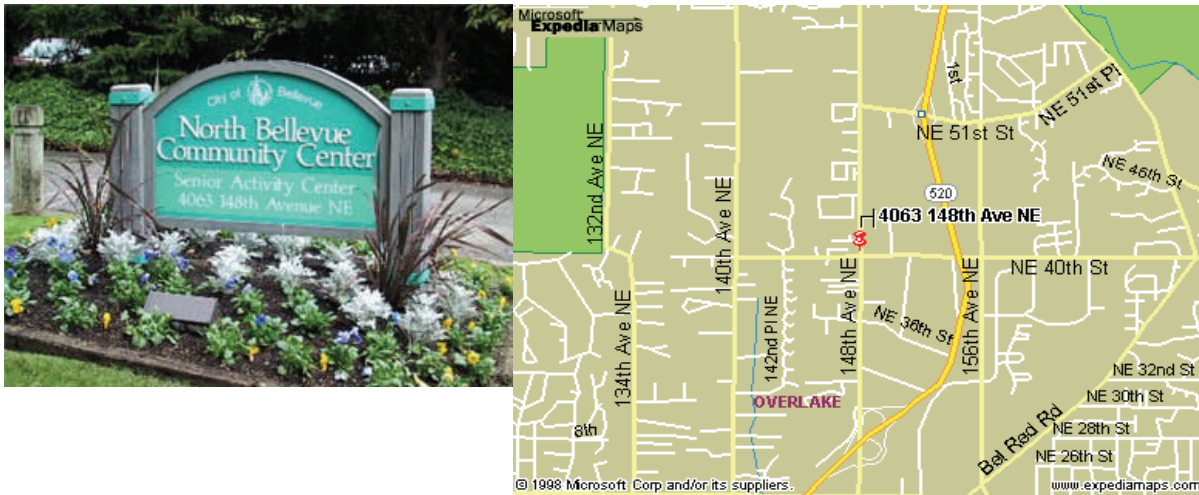
SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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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