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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 it is cloudy and chilly outside and I'm hoping for sun and warmth soon. Perhaps by the end of the month spring will arrive and we will see sunshine more frequently. Oh well, the chilly weather justifies more time enjoying the use of my computer to surf the Internet and learn all kinds of interesting things. With the sun comes yard work and much less time in the house but I prefer it.

At the most recent meeting of the Board, it was reported that many of our members from last year had renewed their membership in KEGS. That number is four fewer than our end-of-year membership for 2017 so there are still several former members who have not yet renewed their membership. 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. Thanks for taking care of this.

I missed the General Meeting in February as I was out of town. I'm told that the presentation on Home Automation Security contained some very good information and I'm sorry that I missed it. With all of the items in our houses these days that can be connected via WiFi, it's important to use caution to avoid other folks from gaining access to your private information that could be vulnerable. The current development of devices that connect to the Internet of Things can allow us to do some really neat things but one also must be careful. The more we know about these things the safer we can be.

One of the topics for this past month's meeting of the Board was making adjustments to the SIGs that were affected by Carl Von Papp's decision to retire from being a SIG leader/presenter. As many of you know, in addition to leading the Computer Use and Optimization (C. U. & O.) SIG, Carl was usually the default presenter for the SOHO SIG. After much discussion the Board decided to discontinue the SOHO SIG and I will take over the C. U. & O. SIG. The SIG will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Since Carl is taking a



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well-earned break from having to make two presentations each month, I will need lots of help in coming up with topics and presentations for the SIG each month. I hope some of you who attend the SIG will step forward and volunteer to make a presentation from time to time. Any and all help that you offer will be greatly appreciated.

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.

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 the General Meeting or 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 shirt/vest/cap to SIG and the General meetings! (NOTE: This extra credit is not honored at the PIG SIG.)

We still have a few left of various sizes. So why wait? Pick yours up at the next general meeting.

KEGS General Meetings are held at  
the **North Bellevue Community / Senior Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA**  
On the second Monday of every month  
(see the last page for driving instructions)

Our Pig SIG is held off site—please see the address below

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
2nd Monday	6 PM - 7 PM	Conf. room D	Technology Corner <a href="mailto:betacode@hotmail.com">betacode@hotmail.com</a>	Steve Fondren
2nd Monday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS General Meeting	
2nd Monday	9:30 PM - ? PM	Applebee's <a href="http://www.applebees.com">13856 Bel Red Rd,</a> <a href="http://www.applebees.com">Bellevue, WA 98005</a>	Pig SIG <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-816-9216

Please check our KEGS calendar ([CLICK HERE](#)) for actual dates AND POSSIBLE CANCELLATIONS of the upcoming meeting that you want to attend.

# KEGS SIG MEETINGS:

## NEW SIG CHART

Notice that this SIG chart does not list 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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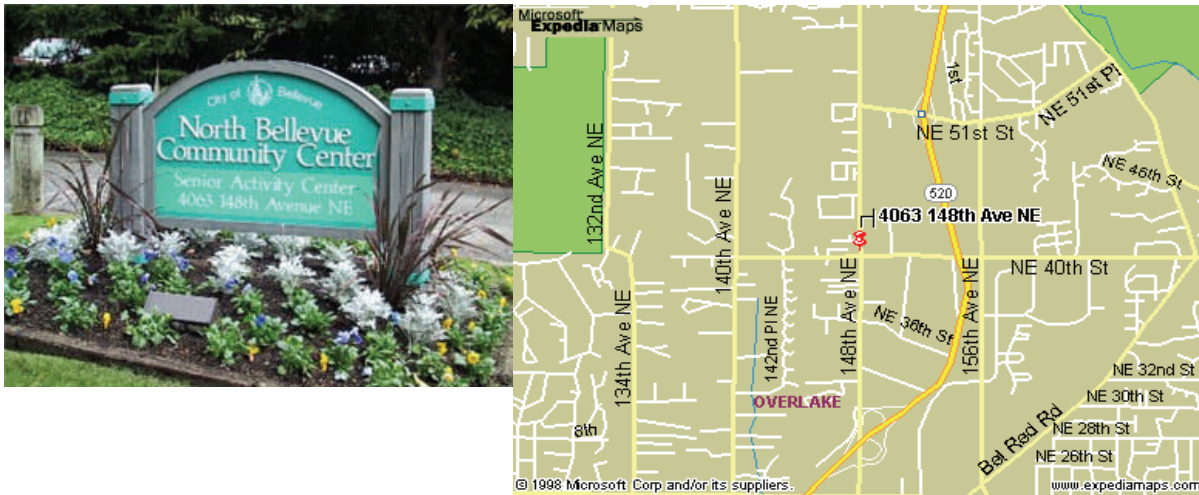
Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Pool Room	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue <a href="mailto:endeavor@frontier.com">endeavor@frontier.com</a> (Computer repair & maintenance)	Jon Mercer
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Seattle Internet User Group (SEASIG) <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: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 206-816-9216
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	<b>KEGS Board Meeting</b> <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	Ron Cowger

## KEGS MEETING LOCATION

All KEGS Meetings are currently held at the **North Bellevue Community / Senior Center**  
All KEGS meetings (including our Board meeting) are public and open to anyone who wants to attend.

**Finding KEGS primary meeting location**  
**North Bellevue Community / Senior Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA**

**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)

or

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