Prez Says: Ron Cowger

Last month in this column, I thanked all of those folks who worked on the Annual KEGa-Buck$ Auction. However, I failed to thank all of the many KEGS members who so generously contributed products to the Auction. As you may have noticed, your fellow members contributed a significant percentage of the items offered. Many of these donated items were new, unopened and clearly of interest to those who bid on them. This just proves once more that one person's "excess property" may be another person's treasure. Since it is getting harder each year to get venders to donate products to our auction, you can plan on being asked again next year to look around on your shelves and in your storage areas to see if you have any items that you could contribute. This technique of "redistribution of goods" seems to work well as it gets the products moved from folks who do not need them to other members who can use them.

I'm pleased to report that Joe Mraz and his helpers have finished the software upgrades to the labs both at the North Bellevue Community Center and at the Kirkland Teen Union Building. As I hope you know by now, these labs are used to offer classes in such programs as Digital Imaging Suite, MS Money and other programs to members of the community. In return for KEGS maintaining and upgrading the labs occasionally, we get free meeting time for our SIGs in Bellevue and our General Meetings in Kirkland. All of us owe a big "thank you" to Joe and his crew at Bellevue and to Sally Ann and her crew who maintain the Kirkland facility.

As those of you who attended the July General Meeting know, there was a last-minute change in the subject of the presentation due to non-availability of the scheduled presenter. However, Mark Miller's presentation on Computer Security was very well done and was on a subject of great interest to all of us. I hope you were able to attend as he had a lot of good tips for maintaining your computer and protecting it from the many threats to which it is exposed when you surf the Net.

Because of the change in July's subject, the vendor's presentation at the August General Meeting will be on Microsoft's Windows Media Center. As some of you know, this is a special version of Windows that is specifically tailored to handle your many multi-media

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needs. It can be used to facilitate your television viewing and can record programs. Additionally, it can be used to record and play back your music collection. Also, it is a great gaming device. All in all, it combines the worlds of computing and digital entertainment in one device. I think you'll find it very interesting and I hope that you will attend.

We are making good progress in adding a special members-only page to our web site. The next step is to build the content that will be in this special section of the KEGS site. We encourage you to keep the URL for the members-only page secret among our dues paying members. After all, that's his intent when a vendor gives us a special deal. It's intended for KEGS members. We will change the address or the password each year so that members from previous years who choose not to renew will lose this benefit.

Don't forget to sign up for the Raincoast gathering in early October as soon as possible. If you sign up before August 5th, your registration fee is $5.00 cheaper than if you put it off until later. To get more information, go to www.raincoast.info. Our representatives on the planning committees that are preparing this great event are Steve Fondren, Bob Baxter and Sally Ann Mowery. If you would like more information, please feel free to ask one of them.

That's about it for this month. I look forward to seeing all of you at a KEGS meeting or at a SIG meeting in the near future. Happy and safe computing!

Respectfully,

Ron Cowger
President

KEGS General Meeting
And Associated SIGs

General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
2nd Monday	6 PM - 7 PM	Kirkland Teen Union Building	Technology Corner betacode@hotmail.com	Steve Fondren
2nd Monday	7 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland Teen Union Building	KEGS General Meeting	
2nd Monday	9:30 PM - ? PM	Outback Steakhouse 12120 NE 85 th, Kirkland	Pig SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-996-5635

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS: From I-405, take the N.E. 85th ST. exit (exit number 18) toward KIRK-LAND (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 Kirkland Teen Union Building is part of a string of connected buildings. Right at the street is Kirkland's Performing Arts Center, then comes the Kirkland Senior 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 our SIG chart no longer lists actual dates. Please check your calendars for the date 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.

KEGS T-shirts

Remember, you score extra KEGABUCK$ when you wear your KEGS shirts to SIGS and the General Meetings! We still have a few left of various sizes. Then we will order more. So why wait? Pick yours up at the next meeting.

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	NBCSC Computer Lab Support j_m_mraz@hotmail.com	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group gary@zipcon.net	Gary Skelton
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Quick Books sarah@abcsupport.com	Sarah Gunderson 425-485-3437
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	WIN 95/98/XP/?? daviddodge1@compuserve.com	David Dodge
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Laptop SIG ctheprof@aol.com	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue j_m_mraz@hotmail.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office r_cowger@prodigy.net	Ron Cowger
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Digital Imaging SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-996-5635
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	HTML SIG jack@webwitch.com	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960

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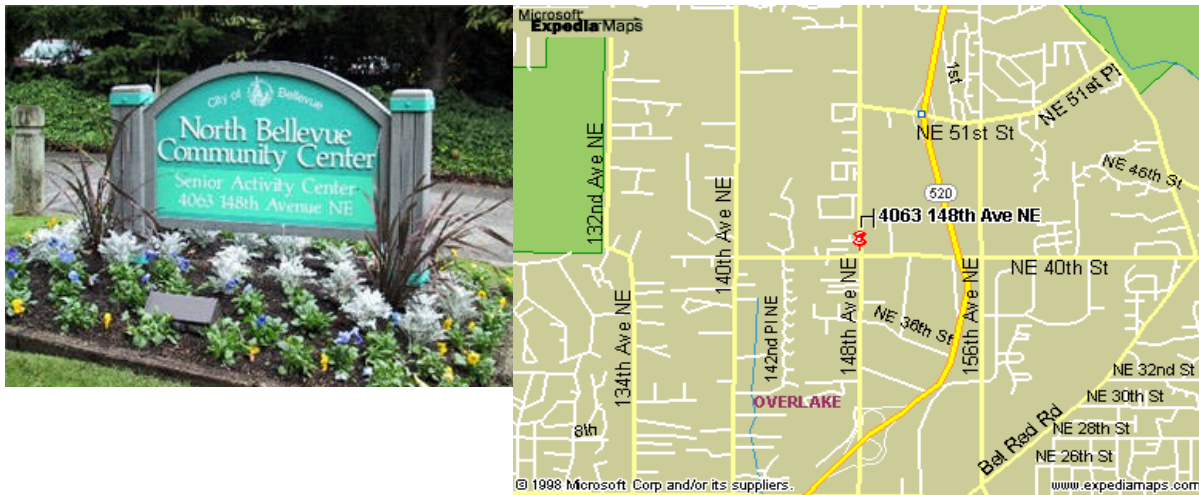| Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
3rd Monday (Only on the ODD Months)	7:00 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland's Teen Union Bldg. Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - Kirkland j_m_mraz@hotmail.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433

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 Executive Real Estate's Bellevue office at 20 Lake Bellevue, Bellevue, WA. (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: 2616 171st Ave SE Bellevue WA 98008 425-747-2433 info@kegs.org

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