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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Hi Everyone,

As I write this short column for the KEGS web site, I am looking out the window at another cloudy, cool day. Does it seem to you that summer is having a hard time taking hold this year? We have had a few nice days but my perception is that we are having a cooler-than-normal summer. I missed the July General Meeting as I was out of town in another cool climate. My wife and I took a cruise to Alaska followed by a land tour to Denali National Park. The folks in Alaska are also having a cooler-than-normal summer. While we were there, the local weather forecaster in Anchorage reported that they had experienced only two days so far this year with high temperatures of seventy degrees or warmer. That's much less than the fifteen days that they have on average. I hope that fall does not arrive early here in the Puget Sound to "make up" for the lack of a nice, warm summer.

If you took digital photos during your recent summer vacation and due to weather or other reasons they didn't come out exactly the way you wanted them to, perhaps the presentation at the August General Meeting will help you. This month Hal Mozer, who teaches a number of classes for Senior Net, is going to talk to us about his trip to South Africa and tell us how he enhanced the pictures that he took while he was there. I think this is a timely and interesting topic for all of us. I wonder if he can show me how to remove clouds from pictures so that I can see the many mountain tops that we couldn't see during our trip to Alaska. Just kidding...

We still need to work on recruiting more members for KEGS. As I have mentioned in previous columns, I hope that you will each try to recruit someone new to join KEGS this year. I encourage you to talk to your friends, family members, business associates and acquaintances about the benefits of joining KEGS. Almost everyone uses a computer, PDA or digital camera these days and would benefit from the information and services that KEGS provides. Currently, our membership is about sixty-four folks. As I'm sure that you can understand, when we are trying to encourage vendors to speak to our organization, they almost always ask how many members we have. It would be a lot easier to entice companies to send speakers to our meetings if we had one hundred members than it is with our current membership level. Please help our organization by bringing in at least one new member this year.



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Prez Says: continued

We still don't have any firm updates from the folks at NBCC about when they plan to close the computer lab and set up a portable training facility for their future computer classes. About a month ago, KEGS members gave them some estimated costs and some suggestions about computer and network configurations. However, it looks like it will still be several months before the City officials make any final decisions and commit money to the project. In the meantime, we will continue to use the lab for our SIGs as we have for several years.

That's it for now. I hope to see each of you at the August General Meeting. Happy and safe computing!

Ron Cowger
President

KEGS General Meeting And Associated SIGs

KEGS T-shirts

Remember, you score extra KEGABUCKS 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 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 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 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 this SIG chart no longer lists actual dates. Please check our KEGS calendar (at <http://www.kegs.org/Calendar.html>) 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	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 seasigi@kegs.org	Judy Panjeti & Marianne Wilkins
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

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

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

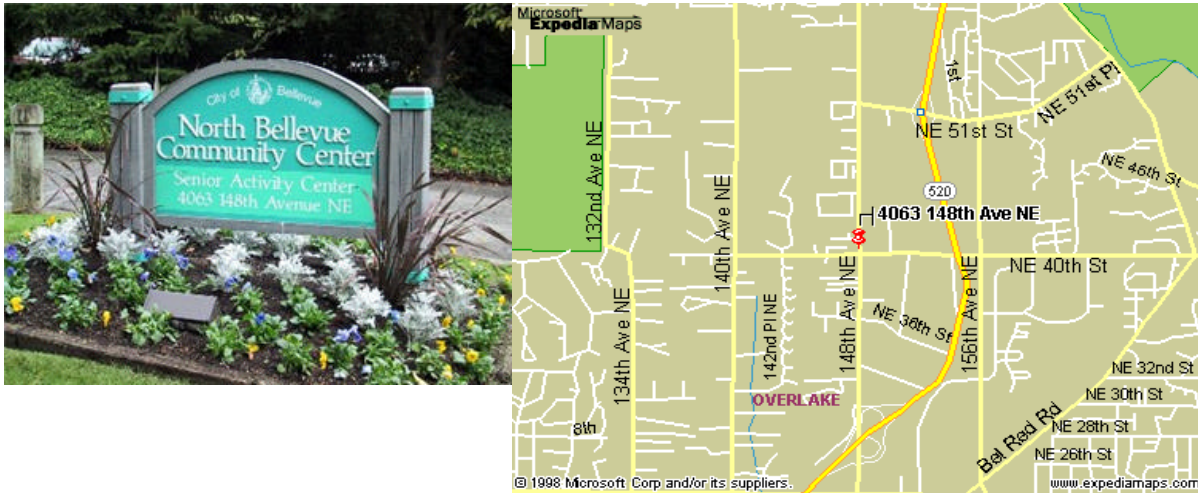
SIG Meeting Locations:

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, up-to-date information about KEGS activities, and more, please see our web site at:

<http://www.kegs.org>.

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