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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Hi Everyone,

Well, here we are in November and the weather has finally become more fall-like, wetter and chillier. Darn! I really enjoyed the remarkably good weather that we had during much of October. Most of the time, it felt more like an extension of September than a typical Puget Sound October. I got lots of yard work done during the good weather but I think that I will be spending more time indoors in the near future due to the rain. Oh well, more time to work on my computer. I don't know about you, but I have a few things that I have put off doing on my PC when I had other chores to do. Now's the time to get caught up. Let's see, where did I put that utility that I got a couple of months ago and wanted to try out?

I want to give a hearty "thank you" to Carl Von Papp for an excellent presentation on Windows Vista at the General Meeting in October. He even had a handout to help us remember all of the great information that he covered. I don't know about you but after listening to Carl talk about Vista on two or three different occasions I am now more comfortable about upgrading to the newer operating system. He has shown us how to use it, how to customize it and how to overcome some of its "features" that some users find irritating. I think I can handle it now. Thanks much, Carl.

Sally Ann has lined up a great speaker for our November meeting. He is Tim Grey, a former Microsoft digital imaging expert, who is more recently the author of a dozen books and hundreds of magazine articles on digital imaging for photographers. He also publishes the Digital Darkroom Quarterly print newsletter and Digital Darkroom Questions email newsletter. He speaks at a variety of events, including Photoshop World as a member of the Photoshop World Dream Team of instructors. You can learn more about him by going to www.timgrey.com or looking up his books on Amazon.com. Having him come to KEGS to speak to us is a real coup and I hope that each of you will come to this exciting event.

If you want to be an Early Bird member of KEGS for 2009, it is now time to renew your membership. As I hope you know, by being an Early Bird you will receive two drawing tickets for the door prize when you check in at the General Meeting rather than one. All you have to do to be an Early Bird is to renew your membership before December 31st. You can obtain a renewal form either from our Treasurer, John Tate, or from the KEGS web site. If you bring it up on the web site, you can even fill it out on your computer, print



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it out and then give it to John along with your \$24.00 for dues. How easy is that? Also, remember that any new members that you sign up during the next couple of months get thirteen or fourteen months of membership for just the annual dues of \$24.00. Another great deal!

Please remember that we have our annual election of User Group officers in December. We have appointed a nominating committee consisting of Sally Ann Mowrey, Bob Baxter and Barbara Marasco. They will be looking for members who are willing to serve on the Board. Please consider volunteering to serve on the Board. Depending on which position interests you, the time commitment can be as little as a couple of hours per month up to several hours for the more involved jobs. The job descriptions for all of the Board positions are on the KEGS web site. If you have any interest in helping conduct the business of your User Group, please let a member of the nominating committee know about it and he/she will answer any questions that you might have.

That's it for now. I hope to see each of you at the November 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.

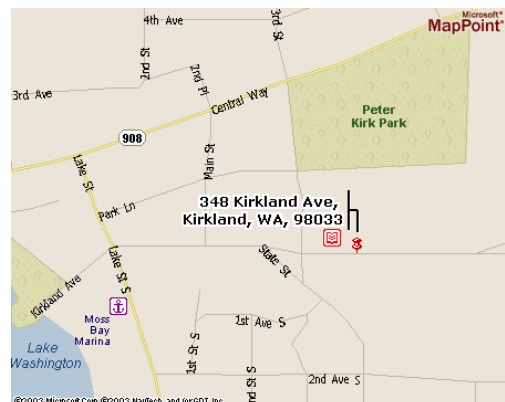
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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

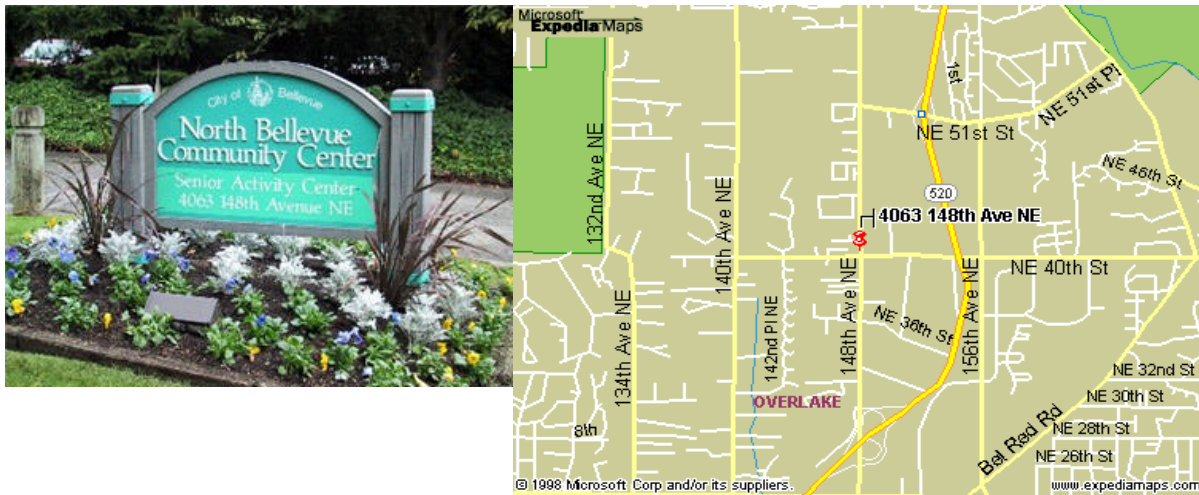
SIG Meeting Locations:

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>.

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