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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Ah, fall is in the air. My favorite part of this time of year is the return of college and pro football to TV. I love them both. No, I did not play the sport as a younger man. I just like to watch others execute good plays or defend against them equally well. Watching football on TV is my biggest distraction from getting other things done around the house.

Speaking of defense, each of us has to be on guard against all of those bad things that drift around on the Internet trying to harm our computers. Whether they are called worms or viruses, you don't want to get one. One of my good friends from my days in the military recently fell for the spoofed email trick and got a destructive virus as a result. The email was made to appear to come from Microsoft but, of course, it did not and it contained a virus that knocked his computer right off line. My friend had Norton anti-virus on his PC and he has auto-update enabled so the program should have caught the virus. However, I'm not sure that he has it set to scan all incoming emails and he may have his email set to show a preview of the emails in his Inbox. I've got to check with him on these settings. I wish he lived closer so that I could be more helpful. I'm a strong supporter of the concept wherein all PC users should try to help their friends with PC issues. I suppose that each of you believes in this philosophy too or you probably wouldn't be members of KEGS.

The General Meeting in October will be a two-for event. We will have two vendors talking about their products! Both Roy Newcomer, from Small Box Software (who couldn't make it last month) and Marcy Gunn from Smart Computing will present their products. It will be a jam-packed meeting and I think each of you will get some good information. If you own a previous version of Boot Pro from Small Box Software, bring it to the meeting and Roy will give you a free upgrade to the latest version right on the spot! How can you beat that deal? Don't be late. We'll start the presentations right at 7:00 PM.

Also, as those that came to last month's meeting know, we now have a vendor who sells coffee, lattes and other snacks before and during our General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Center. I sampled some last month and enjoyed them very much. The coffee is free and the charge for the other items is very reasonable.

That's it for this month. I hope that you are easing into fall and that you enjoy lots of trouble-free computing. Have a Happy Halloween! I'll see you at the next meeting.

Respectfully,

Ron Cowger

KEGS General Meeting

And Associated SIGs

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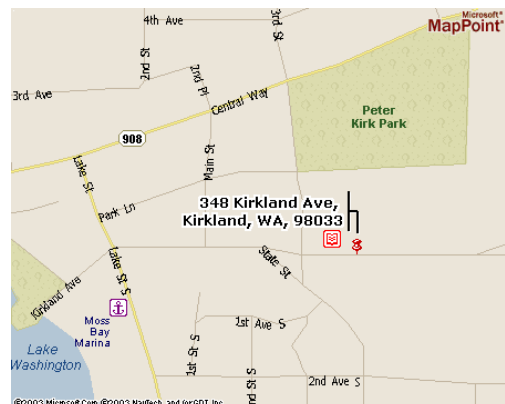
Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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	TGI Fridays 505 Parkplace, 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 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.

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Meetings at the North Bellevue Community Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Technology & Entertainment philbar45@attbi.com	Phil Keairns 425-222-7130
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	NBCC Computer Lab Support j_m_mraz@hotmail.com	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Video & Animation philbar45@attbi.com	Phil Keairns 425-222-7130
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	Conf. room D	Peachtree Accounting pearls1@qwest.net	Pearl I. Campbell 425-641-1334
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Beginners Hardware 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
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group philbar45@attbi.com	Phil Keairns 425-222-7130
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

Meetings at locations other than the North Bellevue Community Center

1st Tuesday	6:15 PM - 9 PM	Microsoft's Redmond Campus Building 34, the Quinalt Rm Redmond, WA	Access SIG Teresa@eade.com See their WEB site at http://www.eade.com/AccessKEGS/	Teresa Eade 425-482-1021
Almost every Tues. Almost every Sat.	7 PM - 9 PM 10:30 AM - 12:30	Easter Seals of Washington 157 Roy St. Seattle, WA	Hardware SIG rockybay@scn.org (Building & Configuring Computers for the physically challenged)	Malcolm Taran 206-888-5848

Parking is limited at Easter Seals. Please contact Malcolm before going for the first time.)

SIG Meeting Locations:

All small groups meet at the Bellevue Community Center unless noted as below.

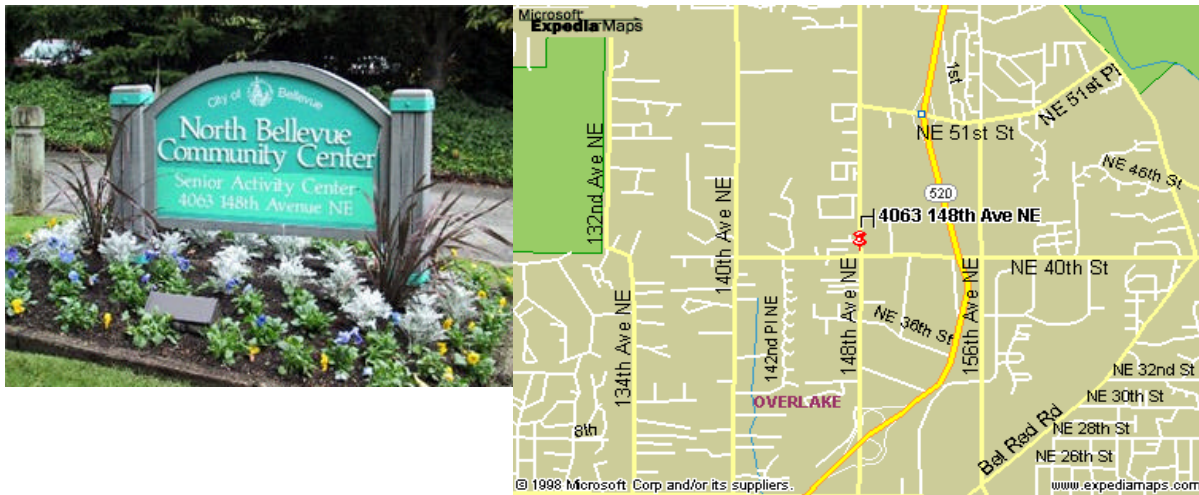
* Access meets at the Microsoft Redmond Campus, in Building 34, the Quinalt Room

** Easter Seals meets at the downtown location 157 Roy St. Seattle

*** Board Meetings are held at the home of Joe Mraz (j_m_mraz@hotmail.com for directions)

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 Thursday 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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