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COMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Wow, here it is the end of October and the beginning of November already! Is it just my imagination or does time seem to pass faster as one gets a little more mature (older)? Anyway, it's almost time to celebrate Thanksgiving and get involved in the Holiday Season! Holiday excitement will soon be in the air.

With regard to exciting happenings, the vendor at the November General Meeting will be Microsoft Corporation. We will receive a presentation on MS Office 2003 and other new offerings that the company is bringing out to embellish your Christmas wish list and make your computing time more productive and fun. It should be a great meeting and, as you may recall, Microsoft representatives usually bring along some nice door prizes when they visit user groups.

Also, since we are nearing the end of the calendar year, I need to remind you that the KEGS membership drive will end on December first. If you wish to receive credit toward your dues for next year, you must get the applications for any new members that you recruit to our Treasurer by December first for them to count. Let's all get out there and recruit new members to keep our user group viable. As I've mentioned before, one of the main benefits of having a good size membership is that it helps vendors justify the costs they incur when they send representatives to speak to us. Additionally, having more members just gives us more resources with which to work and makes being a member more fun.

We will have a drawing at the November General Meeting for recruitment credit for those new members who have joined KEGS without a declared sponsor. We will use the normal door prize tickets for the drawing. The members' tickets that are drawn will get credit toward their dues for next year as if they had recruited the new members. Yes, you have to be there to win.

Another annual activity that usually takes place this time of year is that many businesses conduct their United Way Drives. If you work for one of those businesses that solicits you to give to the United Way, we encourage you to consider designating all or a part of your contribution to be sent to Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle. Since our organization is a registered 501(3)(c) organization, we can receive money that is donated to the United Way. Please consider it.

Another end-of-year activity that is currently underway is preparation for our election of our Board of Directors. We have established a Nomination Committee, members of which will be talking to various KEGS members to see if they are interested in helping run the organization. If you are contacted, I sincerely hope that you will consider volunteering to help out. We always need new, fresh ideas from the dedicated folks on the Board. The election will be held in conjunction with the December General Meeting.

That's it for this month. I hope that you had a Happy Halloween and that you also have a very Happy Thanksgiving. I'll see you at the next meeting.

Respectfully,

KEGS General Meeting

And Associated SIGs

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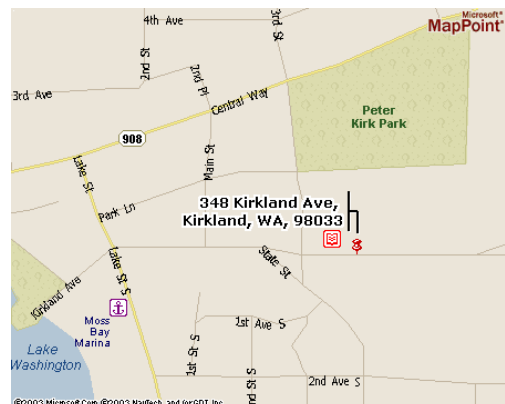
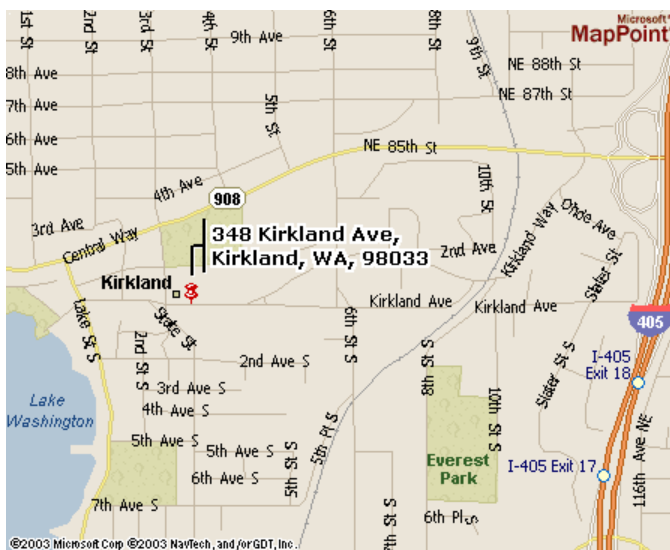
Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	HTML SIG jack@webwitch.com	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960
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

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.

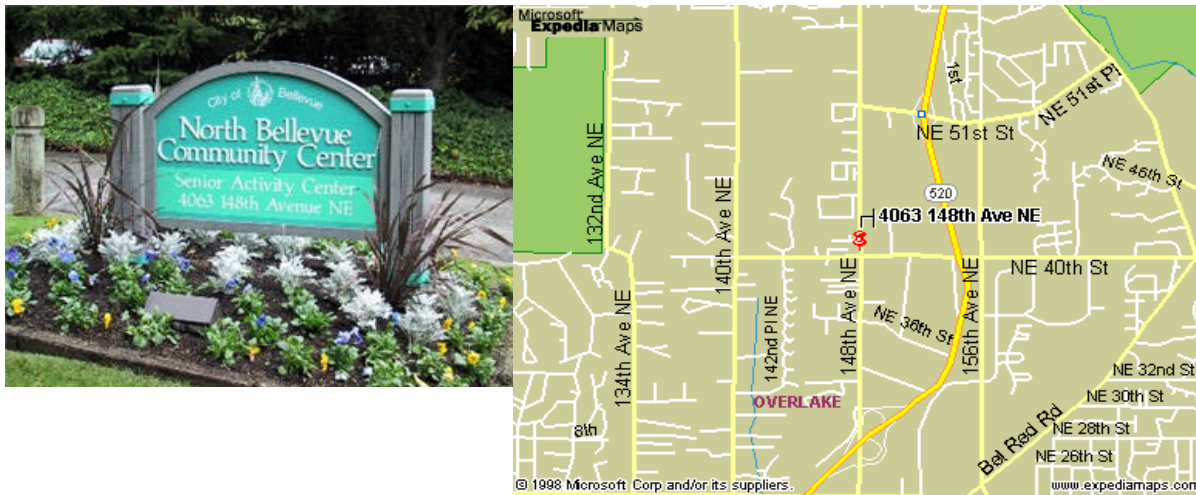
* Access meets at the Microsoft Redmond Campus, in Building 34, the Quinalt Room

** 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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