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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

As the days get shorter and shorter, I find that the lack of daylight and the increasing amount of rain-fall make it very hard for me to find time to work in my yard. Therefore, the grounds around our house look like heck. However, since I can't get out into the yard as much, I have more time to use my computer. Lately, I've been doing a lot of hard drive cleanup, mostly deleting a lot of old emails, and putting those files that I'm going to keep in more organized folders where I can find them when needed. Also, I've been fine-tuning my system for making backups of my more important data and configuration files. I think most of us find performing a backup somewhat like doing our taxes. We have to do it but it's not one of our favorite activities. Also, failure to do either one of these chores, backups or taxes, may lead to big problems in the future.

As we ease into winter, several annual events that are more pleasant than doing our taxes loom in the near future. I expect that all of you look forward to and enjoy the Holidays. However, I hope you are also thinking about the end-of-year activities associated with KEGS. Most important among these 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. Even if you are not contacted, if you would like to volunteer, please contact either Sally Ann Mowrey or Bob Baxter to express your interest. We always need new, fresh ideas from the dedicated folks on the Board. The election will be held during the December General Meeting.

Also, at the December meeting, Herb Johnson will give us a presentation on collecting, manipulating and printing digital images. He gave a similar presentation to the folks in the Digital Imaging SIG a few months ago and they all thought that it was great. I'm sure that you will enjoy his presentation. There are more details about Herb on the KEGS website under Meetings in the information area about the December presentation. I hope that you will make every effort to make it to the December General Meeting for this presentation and to VOTE.

The other KEGS end-of-year activity that's very important is the renewal of your membership. Please print out and complete the Membership Renewal Form that is on the KEGS web site and send it or give it to Joe Mraz along with your check to renew your membership. Remember that if you accomplish this before the end of the year, you are designated as an Early Bird and you will receive two tickets for the drawing each time you check in for the General Meetings rather than one.



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Prez Says: continued

That's it for this month. I hope that you had a Happy Thanksgiving and I want to wish you and yours a Very Merry Christmas. If there is a new computer or computer-related item on your Christmas list, I hope that you get it. I'll see you at the next meeting.

Respectfully,

Ron Cowger

KEGS General Meeting

And Associated SIGs

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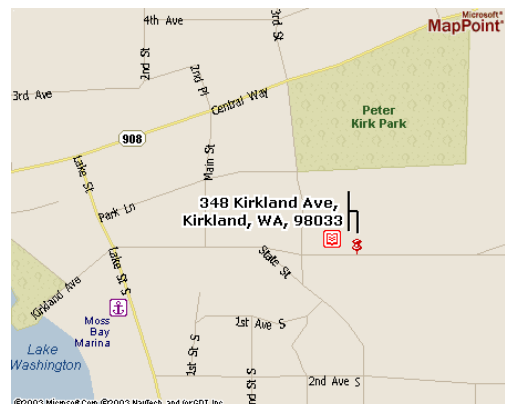
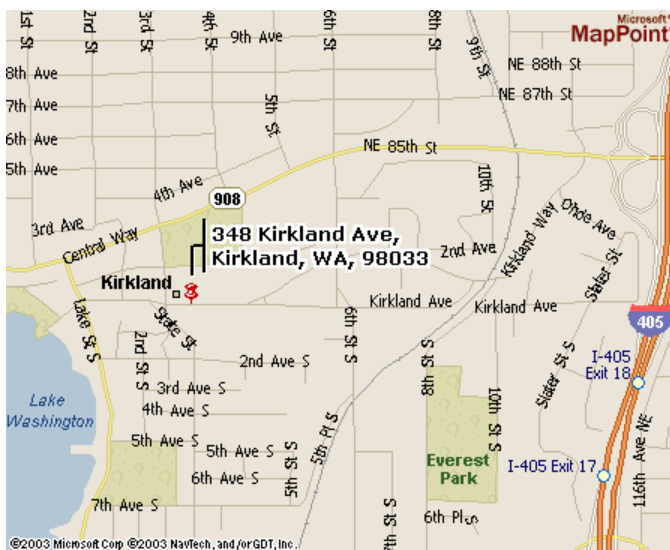
Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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_mr@hotm@il.com	Joe Mr@z 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	Computer Lab	Beginners Hardware j_m_mr@hotm@il.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mr@z 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
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SIG Meeting Locations:

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

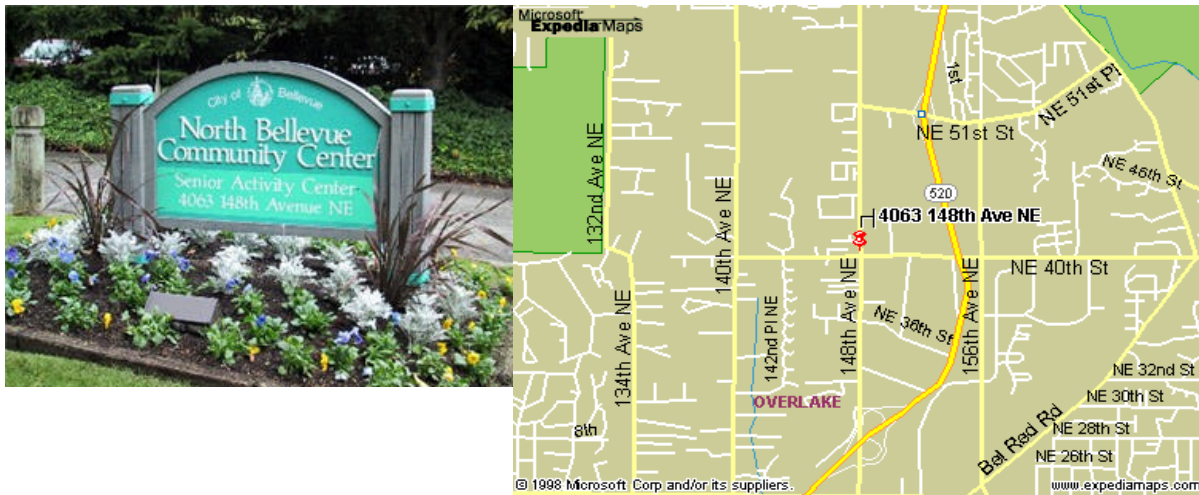
* Access meets at the Microsoft Redmond Campus, in Building 34, the Quinalt Room

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

*** Board Meetings are currently held at Executive Real Estate's Bellevue office on Lake Bellevue. Contact Joe Mraz (j_m_mraz@hotmail.com) or any board member 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, up-dated information about KEGS activities, and more, please see our web site at:

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

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