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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Wow, didn't January fly past quickly! It seems like I just finished putting away the last of the Christmas decorations and now it's time to start wondering what to get my lovely wife for Valentine's Day. Before we know it, spring weather will return. Well, perhaps it will be a couple more months but I can dream, can't I?

Last month I stated that I would give you an update on the realignment of the duties performed by the officers of the KEGS Board of Directors. At the January Board meeting, the members developed proposed changes to the Bylaws and the Volunteer Position Descriptions to add another officer to the Board structure. We agreed that the best way to realign the duties was to assign the responsibility for the programs and other educational efforts to the position of First Vice President. Then, we assigned the numerous and important duties associated with our support of other non-profit organizations, such as Bellevue Senior Center and Kirkland Teen Union, to the position of Second Vice President. We will approve the final wording of these changes at our February meeting and the revised Bylaws and position descriptions will be posted on the KEGS web site soon thereafter.

The Board members received a letter from Steve Fondren that described the dilemma that the leaders of RainCoast are in at this time. As you hopefully know, the RainCoast Association of User Groups puts on an annual conference at which vendors demonstrate new products to the attendees. Equally important, user group officials put on workshops to share ideas with other user group members on ways to improve their efforts to be more effective at providing support to their memberships. In my opinion, this is an important conference that benefits all of us either directly or indirectly. The problem that the RainCoast Association faces at this time is that they do not have enough volunteers to put on the conference this fall. Steve and the other association members need volunteer help to step forward as soon as possible. Otherwise, there will be no meeting in October. I ask each of you to consider volunteering to help with this effort. Different jobs that need to be done require different amounts of commitment. Please talk to Steve or send him an email at beta-code@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping with this important effort. You will feel good about helping and your colleagues will benefit from your efforts.



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Prez Says: continued

Again, I want to encourage those of you who have not yet done so to renew your membership in KEGS as soon as possible. Right now, there are almost fifty of last year's members who have not renewed. We need your participation and your ideas. I hope that you will renew soon.

Take care of yourself. I wish you happy and trouble-free computing. Also, I look forward to seeing you at a KEGS or SIG meeting in the near future.

Respectfully,

Ron Cowger
President

KEGS General Meeting And Associated SIGs

KEGS T-shirts

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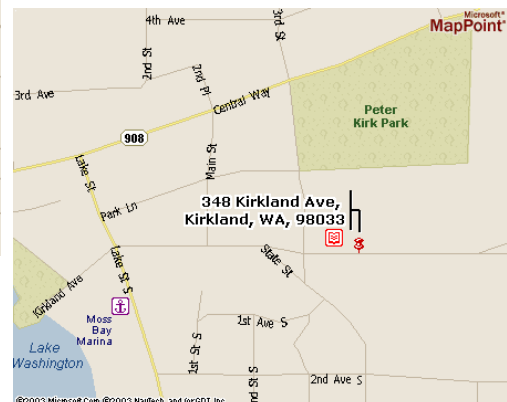
Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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	Pegasus Pizza & Pasta 12699 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:

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	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 sallyanmowrey@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

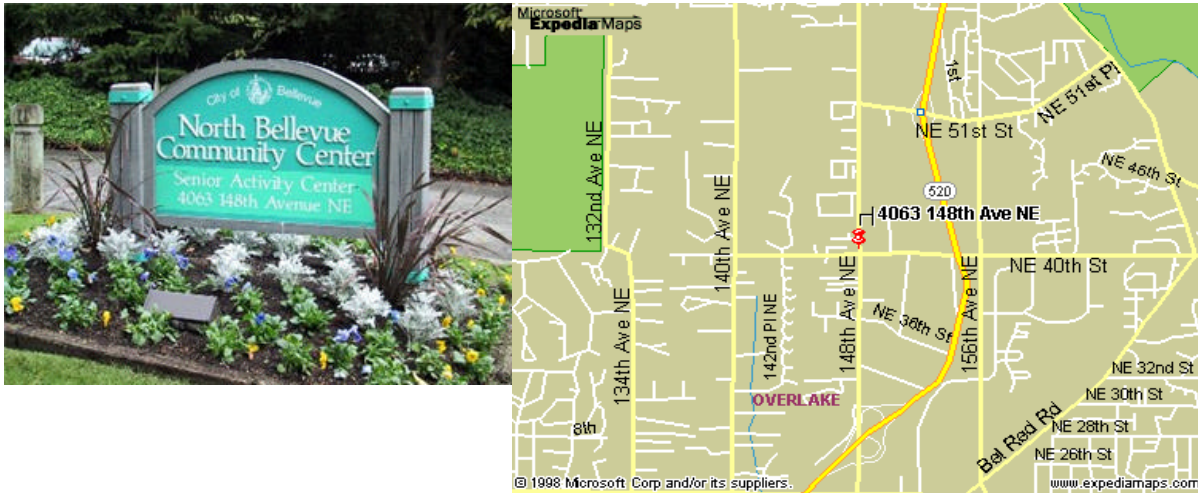
SIG Meeting Locations:

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

* KEGS Board Meetings are currently held at Executive Real Estate's Bellevue office on Lake Bellevue on the third Thursday of every month. 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-to-date information about KEGS activities, and more, please see our web site at:

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

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