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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Well it's July and the spring and summer that we have enjoyed so far has included some wonderful weather. Recently, I read in the paper that during April and May we only received about one third of the average amount of rainfall that we normally receive during those months. Obviously, if you are a person who celebrates the Fourth of July by igniting your own fireworks, the fire danger is very high and I would encourage you to be extremely careful with any devices that might start fires. Personally, I take the easy way out and attend one of the local shows where the professionals handle all of the fireworks.

Speaking of fireworks, I encountered some verbal fireworks at one of the SIG meetings after the recent KEGaBuck\$ Auction. There were a number of comments on how the auction could be improved and some frustration that indicated that some folks felt that certain members had greater opportunities to accumulate KEGaBuck\$ than others. I would point out to all of the members that the primary way that members earn KEGaBuck\$ is through participation in the User Group activities. One way to earn quite a few KEGaBuck\$ is by running a SIG. We are always looking for people who want to run SIGs. You don't have to be an expert in computers to run a SIG. All you need is a strong interest in some aspect of computing and the willingness to give some of your time to organizing and running a SIG that addresses that subject area. If you want to start a SIG, I encourage you to contact Joe Story, his email address is on the KEGS web site, and discuss setting up a new SIG. The more the merrier.

At the last meeting of the KEGS Board of Directors, we discussed the Auction and the comments expressed by some of our unhappy members. As a result, we agreed to establish an Auction Improvement Committee that will make recommendations to the Board on ways to make future Auctions better. As your President, I will appoint three members of the Board to sit on the new committee and I'm looking for four other KEGS members who are willing to spend some time discussing this subject and forming some recommendations. Each of the participants will earn KEGaBuck\$ for his/her attendance just like he/she would if he/she attended a SIG; fifty KEGaBuck\$ for attending and fifty more for wearing a KEGS shirt. I will accept volunteers and appoint members to this committee at the next General Meeting.



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Prez Says: continued

The vendor that will be presenting at the July KEGS General Meeting will be Gene Barlow. As you may recall, Gene was a representative of Power Quest for many years and gave us some of our best vendor presentations during his visits to KEGS. Since Symantec has purchased Power Quest, Gene's position has changed a little and he's representing additional products over and above the old Power Quest lineup. As I'm composing this column, I don't know what Gene's topic will be at the meeting but I encourage you to attend as I'm sure that you will learn something from the presentation that you didn't already know.

I want to clarify one of the statements that I made at the Auction regarding our retaining KEGaBuck\$ for members that haven't attended the Auction for several years. What I meant to say was if a former member has not paid his or her dues for three years and we are still holding an envelope of KEGaBuck\$ for him/her, the Board is going to return those KEGaBuck\$ to the "treasury" as we can assume that that member is probably not going to rejoin KEGS. I think that is fair.

That's it for this month. I want to thank Sally Ann for gathering all of the items that were available for bidding at our recent Auction. Having done that chore for two years, I know how much work is involved in obtaining those donations. I also want to thank all of the KEGS members that donated products for the Auction. You were very generous and your items made the Auction even more fun.

Here's wishing you happy and trouble-free computing. Have a safe Fourth of July and I look forward to seeing you at the General Meeting or at a SIG meeting in the near future.

Respectfully,

Ron Cowger
President

KEGS General Meeting And Associated SIGs

KEGS T-shirts

Remember, you score extra KEGABUCK\$ when you wear your KEGS shirts to SIGs and the General Meetings! 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	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:

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 / 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
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	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
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group gary@zipcon.net	Gary Skelton
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 Meetings at Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
3rd Monday (Only on the ODD Months)	7:00 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland's Teen Union Bldg. Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - Kirkland j_m_mraz@hotmail.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433

SIG Meeting Locations:

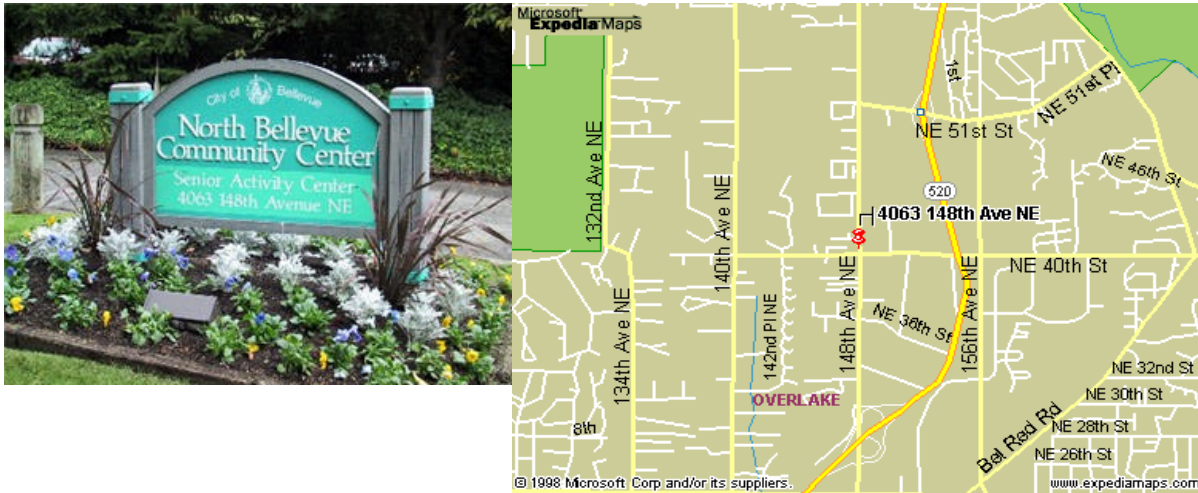
Please note that the KEGS Board meetings are not held at our General Meeting or SIG meeting locations

- KEGS Board Meetings are currently held at Executive Real Estate's Bellevue office 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, updated information about KEGS activities, and more, please see our web site at:

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

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