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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

We are definitely into the fall season as witnessed by the much shorter days and the wetter weather. As some of you know, my other hobby, besides computers, is the study and enjoyment of fine wines from the Pacific Northwest. Yesterday, I took a very enjoyable trip to some of the vineyards and wineries in Eastern Washington and I want to report back that harvest has restarted in most areas and the wine grape crop looks very good. The same wet and cool spell that we had here in the Puget Sound in September slowed grape ripening on the east side of our state for about ten days. However, the temps have warmed up again so ripening and the harvest have restarted. The grape vines get very confused when the temperatures drop too low at night in September and they think that it's time to start preparing for winter. As a result, they stop sending food and nutrients up the vine to the leaves and fruit and ripening stops. That's probably more than you ever wanted to know about grapes but I find it interesting that the vines are so sensitive to a drop of twenty degrees or so of nighttime temps.

A side benefit of the sun's setting earlier is that we won't have the problem of its shining on our screen at the Kirkland Teen Building during our general Meetings. This month we will have two presentations. The first will be from our own David Dodge who will talk to us about how VM Ware's virtual machine software works and how it is useful to folks who want to run different operating systems on the same PC at the same time. Now that sounds complicated to me. I understand the concept in that each OS is assigned a different part of the memory and doesn't interfere with the other operating systems but it still seems very complex to me. I think you will find the demonstration very interesting.

The second presentation will be by a representative from Data Recovery. We all agree that we should back up our important data so that when our computer hard drives fail we won't lose any of our precious work. However, in many cases there are sophisticated ways to recover data from "dead" hard drives. Now, I didn't suggest that these methods are cheap and that you should stop doing backups. You do perform backups, don't you? However, if that day ever comes when you or your company is struck by a failure and you just have to recover some critical data, there are firms that specialize in this work. We'll learn more about it on October 11th.



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October is also the month when we start thinking about who will be involved in KEGS leadership for the next year. As you may recall, our annual elections are in December and we spend October and November looking for candidates to fill the various positions on the Board of Directors. We are always seeking new folks who would be willing to volunteer some of their time to help this great, helpful organization. You certainly do not have to be a computer expert in order to help. You don't have to be a long-time member of KEGS. You just have to be someone who agrees that the organization does good work for its members, performs beneficial community services and needs a few dedicated folks to keep it running. Please contact Bob Baxter, Sally Ann Mowrey, Joe Mraz or me if you are willing to serve on the Board or if you have questions about what is involved. The organization would really benefit from your interest and your help.

You will also be happy to learn that I have ordered KEGS shirts for the folks on the order list and hope to have them in time to deliver them at the October meeting. If you have ordered a shirt, please bring your \$25.00 in cash or your checkbook. No, we don't take credit or debit cards.

That's about it for this month. Here's wishing you happy and trouble-free computing. 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

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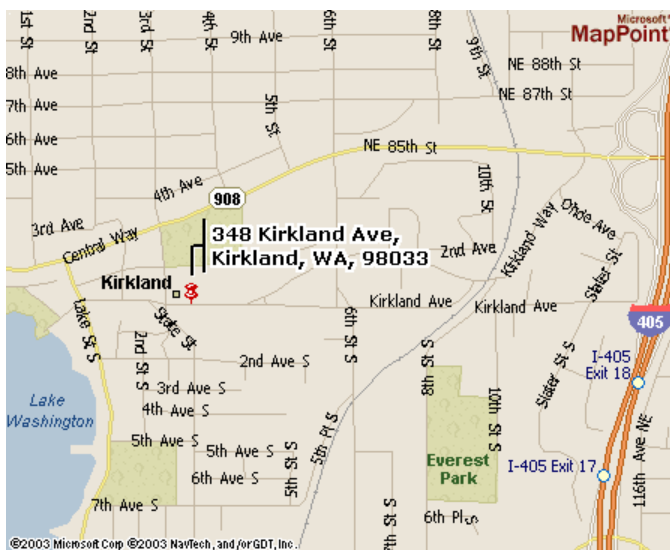
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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:

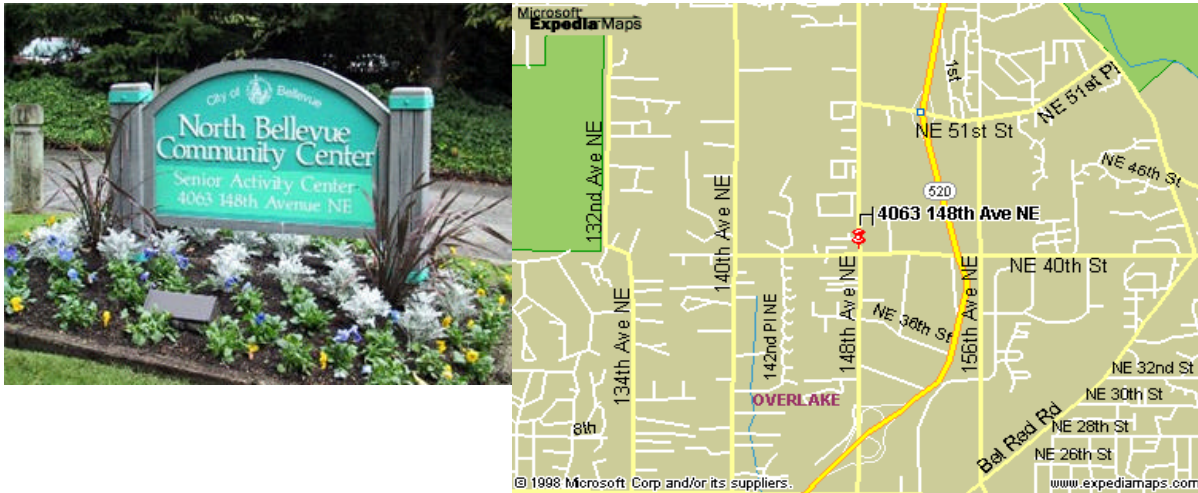
Please note that the KEGS Board meetings are not held at our General Meeting or SIG meeting locations

- 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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