



January, 2005

Volume 9, Issue 1

TAPPING THE

K . E . G . S .

KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season and that you received a nice new computer or great upgrade from your favorite Santa. I had a busy but very enjoyable holiday and even got a few of the chores done off of my 'honey do list" at home.

If you attended last month's General Meeting, you know that we held elections for the KEGS Board of Directors. I want to welcome Bob Baxter as the new KEGS Secretary and also welcome Charlotte Kennedy and Steve Fondren to the Board as Members at Large. The other folks that were elected are returning to the same positions that they held last year. Additionally, I want to thank Joseph Nowak for serving as our Secretary last year and AnnaMarie Knudsen for serving as a Member at Large on the Board. AnnaMarie will continue as our Newsletter Editor but will not hold a seat on the Board.

During the December meeting, a lot of our members renewed their memberships in KEGS by filling out Membership Forms in the computer lab and paying their 2005 dues. Thanks, Joe, for setting up all of the lab computers to facilitate this function. It made renewing ones' membership very easy. For those of you who have not had a chance to renew, I encourage you to open the Membership Form on the KEGS web site, fill out the form, print it out and then send it in with your check.

One of the questions that I was asked at this last month's meeting was what we, the Board, did with the dues that were paid. That's a reasonable question since we have done everything that we could to reduce the Group's expenses and we don't have too many reoccurring bills. However, we still have to pay an annual fee to the State to maintain our status as a corporation. Also, there are dues to the national Users Group organization called Association of PC User Groups. Most of the other money is used to maintain and upgrade the roll-around computers that we use at our two locations. Also, we are saving money in hopes of someday being able to replace at least one of our digital projectors with a new projector that has a higher resolution.



January, 2005

Volume 9, Issue 1

Prez Says: continued

The presentation at the January General Meeting will be from a local firm named Ultra Back. They provide data backup software and services to companies and individuals. Since we all need to be diligent about backing up our important computer data, I think you'll find this presentation on this company's backup options of interest to you.

There are still quite a few folks who haven't picked up their new KEGS shirts. If you have ordered a shirt, please bring your \$25.00 in cash or your checkbook to the January meeting. No, we don't take credit or debit cards. We ordered a few extra shirts in addition to those that members ordered. If you'd like to have a shirt but didn't order one, please see me at the meeting and I'll let you know if we have an extra shirt in your size.

That's about it for this month. Here's wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. 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.

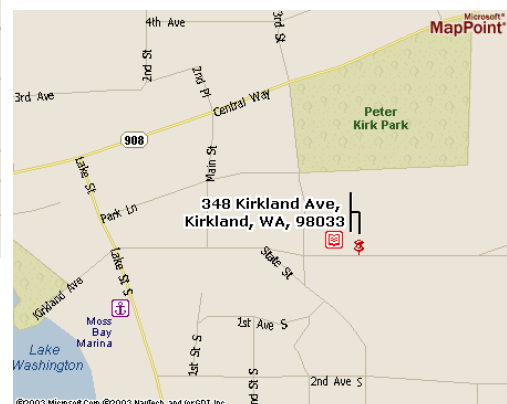
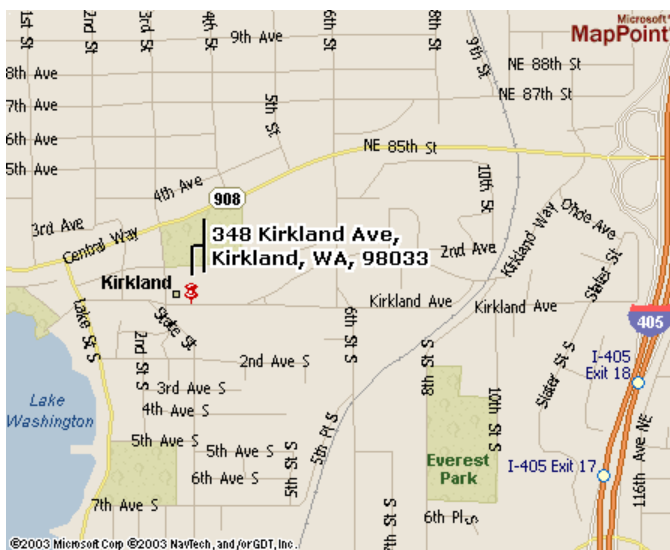
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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.

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 meeting.

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:

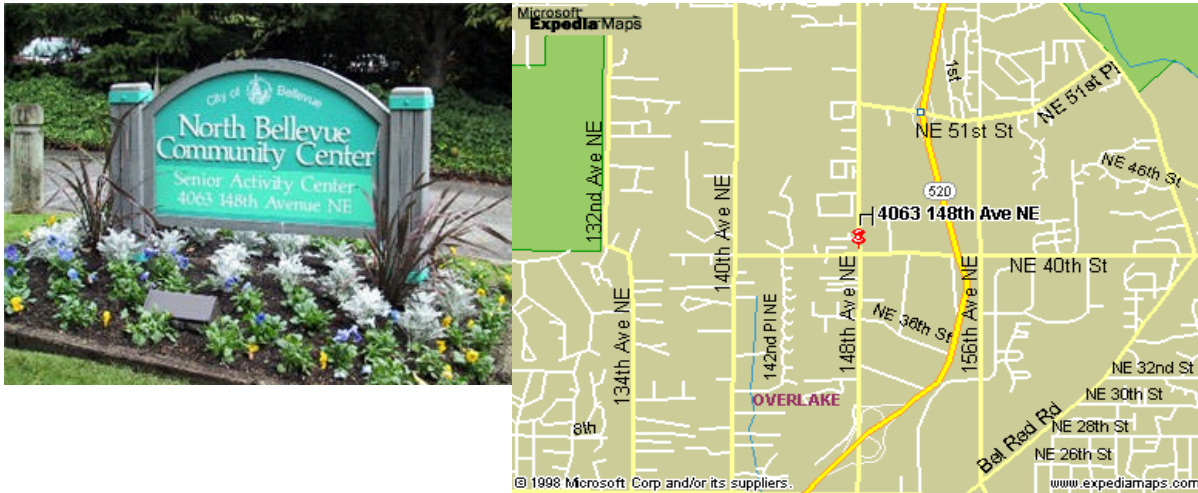
Please note that the KEGS Board meetings are not held at our General Meeting or SIG meeting locations

- 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>.

Contact us at:

2616 171st Ave SE
Bellevue WA 98008
425-747-2433
info@kegs.org

To submit articles or software reviews for incorporation into this Newsletter, please send them to: newsletter@kegs.org