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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

Wow, where did January go? Am I the only one for whom the month seemed to just fly by? It seemed like the first two weeks of the month were filled with post-holiday activities and then the rest of the month slipped by with unusual speed. In case you also got busy during January and have not yet had time to renew your membership in KEGS, I encourage you to take care of that as soon as you can. As of last week, we had just over sixty members in our organization. That does not compare well with the one hundred members that we had at the end of December 2004. 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 to our Bellevue address with your check. If you know of a friend or acquaintance that has not renewed his/her membership, please encourage him/her to do so.

At our last meeting, the Board of Directors decided that our budget will probably support the purchase of a new, better digital projector for use by our SIGs who meet at the Bellevue Senior Center. We are actively shopping for a unit that both meets our needs and that we can afford. We'll keep you informed about our progress.

Our own Steve Fondren will do the "vender presentation" at the February General Meeting. He has received some interesting presentation materials from Intel that describe many of the new advances in computer hardware. They cover such things as the new features on motherboards and CPUs, Serial ATA interfaces, PCI Express interfaces, network interfaces and other new/updated technologies. Then, as a follow-up feature, Intel has arranged with a local hardware shop to sell all of the parts needed to assemble a PC incorporating these new features to any KEGS member who is interested in building a new computer. We will dedicate a future meeting, possibly in March, to assembling any computers that are purchased through this program. It all sounds very interesting to me and I hope is of interest to you, too. Please come to the February meeting to learn more about these new technologies and about the opportunity to build a PC that incorporates them.



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After offering the shirts to those who ordered them for several months, I have decided that the new KEGS shirts that we have on hand are now available to any members who want them. If you are interested in a new KEGS shirt, please bring your \$25.00 in cash or your checkbook to the next meeting. No, we don't take credit or debit cards. As I hope you know, when you wear your KEGS shirt to any SIG or the General Meeting you receive an extra fifty KEGaBuck\$ for your attendance. Those extra KEGaBuck\$ can add up quickly over time and help you bid on items worth more than the cost of the shirt during our annual auction.

That's about it for this month. Remember that Valentines Day is just around the corner. You may want to recognize this special day with your spouse or significant other if you want to stay out of the "dog house" for the rest of the month. 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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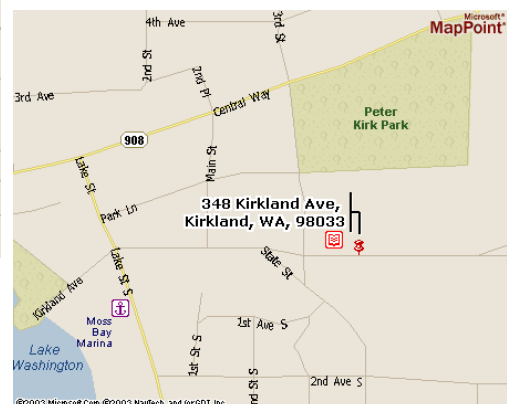
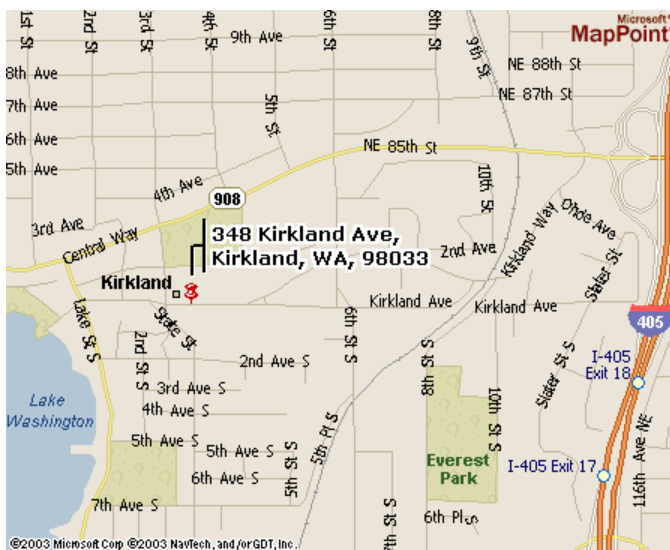
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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:

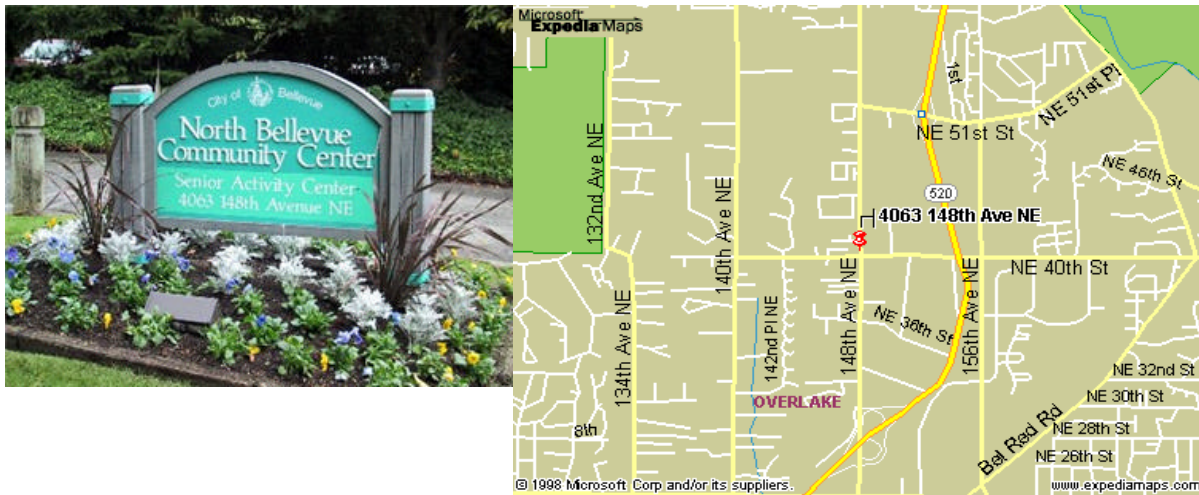
Please note that the KEGS Board meetings are not held at our General Meeting or SIG meeting locations

- 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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