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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

I have just three different subjects that I want to cover this month. First, I want to give you an update on our tentative plans to move our General Meetings to the Kirkland Teen Center. As you recall, our organization can save a lot of money by providing technical support for the Teen Center's computer lab in exchange for a meeting site for our General Meetings. To date, we have forwarded a list of modifications and upgrades that we feel are necessary for the Center staff to provide in order to make the meeting space functional for our use and to improve their network server room. The Teen Center staff seems to be receptive to our requests but will need some time to obtain approvals and money for the modifications. We will continue to pursue this opportunity. In the mean time, Sally Ann Mowrey has agreed to assume the position of Lab Manager for the Teen Center should all of the other pieces of this undertaking fall into place. I want to thank her for volunteering to take on this very important position.

Next, I want to announce a new membership recruitment initiative that the members of your Board of Directors approved at our last meeting. This new program will reduce the next year's dues for current members who successfully recruit new members to join KEGS. Look for a separate article in this newsletter describing the details of this new membership program. If you recruit enough new members, your dues for the next year could be zero!

Lastly, I want to announce that Joseph Nowak has volunteered to take on the important position of KEGS Secretary. As you recall, since Steve Fondren recently assumed the duties of Vice President, he was performing two separate, important functions for the Board. All of the Board members thank Joseph for agreeing to assume the duties of Secretary so that Steve can concentrate on being our Vice President and the President of Raincoast.

That's it for this month. Happy computing and I'll see you at the next meeting.

Ron Cowger  
President



**FREE!** You like free don't you? Have we got a deal for you! For the remainder of calendar year 2003, KEGS is going to make you an offer unheard of in today's world. Free membership! That's right, free. What's the catch you ask? True, something for nothing does not apply here, there is just one small requirement. For each new person that you sponsor, during the remainder of 2003, that becomes a KEGS member, you, the sponsor will get one third of next years (2004) dues waived. Get two members, another third waived. Get three, and that's right, you get your 2004 dues for FREE! Now that's not so hard is it? And hey, if you get more than three you will receive an additional rousing Atta Boy, or Girl, from all you KEGS Board members.

And since we are in such a giving mood (hey we must be crazy, totally out of our minds, don't let the authorities know), we are going to make this offer retroactive (you heard it right, retroactive), back to January 1, 2003. You could be well on your way to that free 2004 membership right now.

In addition, to prove that we have indeed totally lost our sanity, if a new person finds there way to us without a sponsor, what will we do you say? How can we be allowed to do these things, somebody stop us please! At the next General Meeting we will draw, that's right, randomly draw a coupon from the evenings giveaway, and the lucky winner will get? that's right, they win a free sponsorship, and the associated one third waiver of their 2004 membership fee. I guess we really are giving away something for nothing. The following disclaimer must be attached to the above insanity, the winner of the free sponsorship must be present to win. We must be nuts, if the drawing selects someone who has already achieved their three sponsorship's, we will draw again, until someone wins! Have you ever heard of such craziness? Not in my lifetime.

Go forth my friends, spreading sponsorship's far and wide, KEGS memberships will blanket the land, for our senses may return, we may realize what we have done, but alas, we have committed, for the remainder of 2003 and we must learn to live with our momentary lapse in good judgment. Take advantage of us in our hour of weakness. Fortunately, only 9 months remain for our folly to play out. May you bask in our weakness and attain the lofty prize of freedom from payment. Free, free at last, my lord free membership at last.

Phil Keiarns  
Membership Chairman

# 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	Conf. room D	Technology & Entertainment <a href="mailto:philbar45@attbi.com">philbar45@attbi.com</a>	Phil Keairns 425-222-7130
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	NBCSC Computer Lab Support <a href="mailto:j_m_mr@hotm@il.com">j_m_mr@hotm@il.com</a>	Joe Mr@z 425-747-2433
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Quick Books <a href="mailto:sarah@abcsupport.com">sarah@abcsupport.com</a>	Sarah Gunderson 425-485-3437
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	WIN 95/98/XP?? <a href="mailto:daviddodge1@compuserve.com">daviddodge1@compuserve.com</a>	David Dodge
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Laptop SIG <a href="mailto:theprof@aol.com">theprof@aol.com</a>	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
2nd Thursday	6:30 PM - 7 PM	Corner of Meeting Rm (KEGS general meeting follows at 7 PM)	Technology Corner <a href="mailto:betacode@hotmail.com">betacode@hotmail.com</a>	Steve Fondren
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Peachtree Accounting <a href="mailto:pearls1@qwest.net">pearls1@qwest.net</a>	Pearl I. Campbell 425-641-1334
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Beginners Hardware <a href="mailto:j_m_mr@hotm@il.com">j_m_mr@hotm@il.com</a> (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mr@z 425-747-2433
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	Ron Cowger
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group <a href="mailto:philbar45@attbi.com">philbar45@attbi.com</a>	Phil Keairns 425-222-7130
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Digital Imaging SIG <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	Sally Ann Mowrey
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	HTML SIG <a href="mailto:jack@webwitch.com">jack@webwitch.com</a>	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960

Meetings at locations other than the North Bellevue Community / Senior Center

1st Tuesday	6:15 PM - 9 PM	Microsoft's Redmond Campus Building 34, the Quinalt Rm Redmond, WA	Access SIG <a href="mailto:Teresa@eade.com">Teresa@eade.com</a> See their WEB site at <a href="http://www.eade.com/AccessKEGS/">http://www.eade.com/AccessKEGS/</a>	Teresa Eade 425-482-1021
Almost every Tues. Almost every Sat.	7 PM - 9 PM 10:30 AM - 12:30	Easter Seals of Washington 157 Roy St. Seattle, WA	Hardware SIG <a href="mailto:rockybay@scn.org">rockybay@scn.org</a> (Building & Configuring Computers for the physically challenged)	Malcolm Taran 206-888-5848

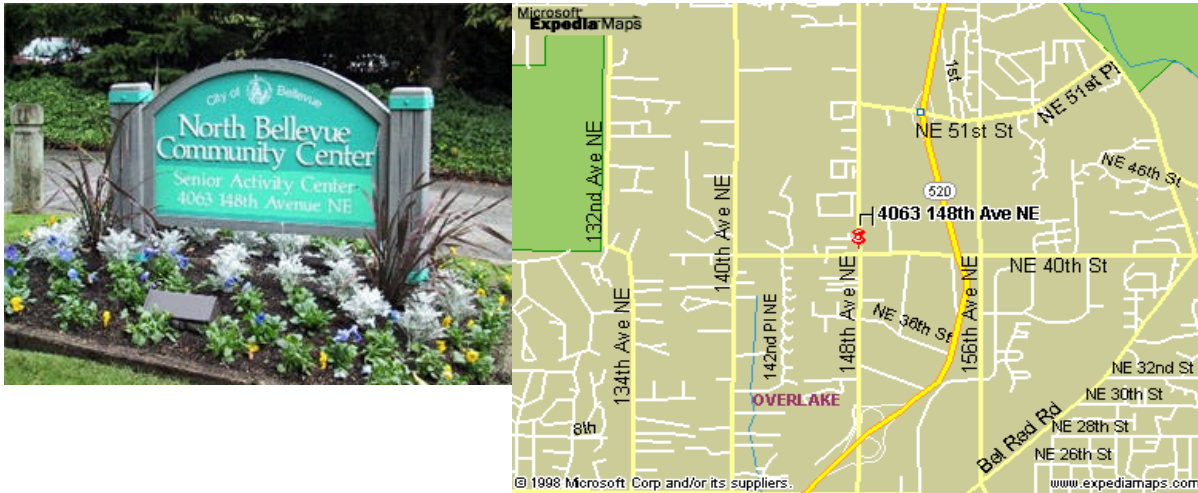
Parking is limited at Easter Seals. Please contact Malcolm before going for the first time.)

## SIG Meeting Locations:

All groups meet at the Bellevue Community / Senior Center unless noted as below.  
\* Access meets at the Microsoft Redmond Campus, in Building 34, the Quinalt Room  
\*\* Easter Seals meets at the downtown location 157 Roy St. Seattle  
\*\*\* Board Meetings are held at the home of Joe Mraz (j\_m\_mraz@hotmail.com for directions)

### Finding our 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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