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Prez Says:

Ron Cowger

I'm excited about getting back to our routine business this month. Now that the renovations and renewals are completed at the Bellevue Senior Center, we can return to our normal schedule of SIGs and the monthly General Meeting. This month we will have a speaker from Microsoft who will present pertinent information about computer security. Look for an article below in this newsletter with more information about the presentation.

At last month's Board meeting, our Treasurer reported that KEGS membership renewals for 2003 have been coming in very slowly. At this point, less than half of the members that we had last year have renewed their memberships. If you are one of those that have not yet found time to re-up, I hope you will take time to do so soon. One of the biggest annual expenses that the group has is our rent on the large meeting room at the Bellevue Senior Center. We have already paid the contract for all of 2003 but unless the number of paid memberships increases soon, we will not have enough money to continue into next year.

I hope that each of you agree that our members get more than their money's worth from their annual dues. If one just attends the General Meetings and a few SIG meetings, he/she will accumulate a few hundred KEGabuck\$. That will be enough to successfully bid on computer products worth more than his/her dues at the KEGabuck\$ Auction. Also, I think you'll agree that the information that you can pick up at the SIGs and General Meetings is often difficult to glean from any other source. You can gain insight into new products as well as learn how to fix that annoying little quirk in your computer that is driving you nuts. Also, the information that you can get from fellow members can be extremely useful when you are shopping for a new item of interest to you. If you haven't done so yet, I encourage you to renew your dues as soon as possible.

Lastly, I want to encourage you to put the KEGS web site on your list of Favorites. Visit it occasionally to learn about changes to the schedule and to learn about upcoming events. Also, from time to time we will publicize other events that we think may be of interest to our members. This month, look for information about an interesting meeting being held at the BECS on CAD software. Their President has offered our members an opportunity to attend this special meeting on this interesting product. Look for more information on our web site.

See you at the General Meeting.

Respectfully,

Ron Cowger  
President



## **KEGS**

### **General Meeting**

### **February 2003**

### *Computer Security*

We all need to know as much as we can learn about computer security. There are many potential threats to our computer programs and our critical data. Come to the February General Meeting of KEGS where Mark Miller from Microsoft will give a presentation covering many aspects of this issue. His discussion will include ways to protect your computer from viruses and from hackers that try to attack your system across the Internet. This is a timely subject of great interest to all computer users. We hope to see you at the General Meeting at 7:00 PM on February 13, 2003.

## **Easter Seals Hardware SIG**

The new SIG leader for the Easter Seals Hardware SIG is looking for some help in making this important activity the success it deserves to be. Malcolm Taran has taken over leadership of the SIG from Bill Hooper. At the same time, some of the functions of the SIG are changing. In addition to rehabilitating donated hardware and loading software on it, the Easter Seals program has received some brand new equipment from generous benefactors. Therefore, some of the work of the SIG will involve installing software and configuring this new equipment for use by the folks supported by the program.

Additionally, the leadership at Easter Seals has asked if any KEGS members would be willing to act as mentors to the folks that receive equipment from the organization. As each computer is delivered to an Easter Seal beneficiary, it is accompanied by a mentor who insures that it is set up and working correctly. Also, if the recipient is not familiar with home computing, the mentor can give some pointers in navigating the operating system and using some of the programs. You can see that this function fits perfectly with our group's motto of "Users helping users." As I am sure you know, the support that KEGS provides to the Easter Seal program is critical to our group's status as a philanthropic, non-profit organization. If you can help with this function, please contact Malcolm and offer your services.

# SIG Meetings:

## KEGS T-shirts

Remember, you score extra KEGabuck\$ when you wear your KEGS shirts to SIGS and the General Meetings! We still have 5 left, of various sizes. Then we will order more. So why wait? Pick yours up at the next meeting.

## General Meeting

Mark Miller from Microsoft will be speaking on computer security.

In March, Jim Stiles from WindowWare will be speaking on WinBatch.

## NEW SIG CHART

Notice that we are now including a longer SIG calendar than we have in the past.

This will help remind you of those SIG meetings that you would have otherwise forgotten while waiting for following month's Taping the KEGS.

### Sat., February 1, 10.30 AM (First Saturday of the Month)

Easter Seals Hardware\*\* ..... Bob Baxter, bob3@worldnet.att.net

### Tues., February 4, 7.00 PM (First Tuesday of the Month)

Access\* ..... Teresa Eade, teresa@eade.com

Technology & Entertainment ..... Phil Keairns, philbar45@attbi.com

Sr. Center Lab Support ..... Joe Mraz, j\_m\_mraz@hotmail.com

Easter Seals Hardware\*\* ..... Bob Baxter, bob3@worldnet.att.net

### Wed., February 5, 7.00 PM (First Wednesday of the Month)

Genealogy On The Net ..... David Abernathy, David\_Abernathy@hotmail.com

### Sat., February 8, 10.30 AM (Second Saturday of the Month)

Easter Seals Hardware\*\* ..... Bob Baxter, bob3@worldnet.att.net

### Tues., February 11, 7.00 PM (Second Tuesday of the Month)

QuickBooks ..... Sarah Gunderson, sarah@abcsupport.com

Windows ..... David Dodge, daviddodge1@compuserve.com

Easter Seals Hardware\*\* ..... Bob Baxter, bob3@worldnet.att.net

### Wed., February 12, 7.00 PM (Second Wednesday of the Month)

Laptop ..... Carl Von Papp, ctheprof@aol.com

### Thur., February 13, 7.00 PM (Second Thursday of the Month)

KEGS Technology Corner ..... Steve Fondren, betacode@hotmail.com

General Meeting ..... PigSIG afterwards at Red Robin

### Sat., February 15, 10.30 AM (Third Saturday of the Month)

Easter Seals Hardware\*\* ..... Bob Baxter, bob3@worldnet.att.net

### Tues., February 18, 7.00 PM (Third Tuesday of the Month)

Peachtree Accounting..... Pearl Campbell, pearls1@quest.net

Beginning Hardware..... Joe Mraz, j\_m\_mraz@hotmail.com

Easter Seals Hardware\*\* ..... Bob Baxter, bob3@worldnet.att.net

### Wed., February 19, 7.00 PM (Third Wednesday of the Month)

Small Office/ Home Office..... Ron Cowger, r\_cowger@prodigy.net

### Sat., February 22, 10.30 AM (Fourth Saturday of the Month)

Easter Seals Hardware\*\* ..... Bob Baxter, bob3@worldnet.att.net

### Tues., February 25, 7.00 PM (Fourth Tuesday of the Month)

Digital Imaging..... Bill Fisher, green\_tree@msn.com

Easter Seals Hardware\*\* ..... Bob Baxter, bob3@worldnet.att.net

### Wed., February 26, 7.00 PM (Fourth Wednesday of the Month)

HTML..... Jack Beslanwitch, jack@webwitch.com

### Thur., February 27, 7.00 PM (Fourth Thursday of the Month)

Board of Directors meeting\*\*\* ..... j\_m\_mraz@hotmail.com

### Sat., March 1, 10.30 AM (First Saturday of the Month)

Easter Seals Hardware\*\* ..... Bob Baxter, bob3@worldnet.att.net

### Tues., March 4, 7.00 PM (First Tuesday of the Month)

Access\* ..... Teresa Eade, teresa@eade.com

Technology & Entertainment..... Phil Keairns, philbar45@home.com

Sr. Center Lab Support..... Joe Mraz, j\_m\_mraz@hotmail.com

### Wed., March 5, 7.00 PM (First Wednesday of the Month)

Seattle Internet Group..... Phil Keairns, philbar45@home.com

### Sat., March 8, 10.30 AM (Second Saturday of the Month)

Easter Seals Hardware\*\* ..... Bob Baxter, bob3@worldnet.att.net

### Tues., March 11, 7.00 PM (Second Tuesday of the Month)

QuickBooks..... Sarah Gunderson, sarah@abcsupport.com

Windows ..... David Dodge, daviddodge1@compuserve.com

Easter Seals Hardware\*\* ..... Bob Baxter, bob3@worldnet.att.net

### Wed., March 12, 7.00 PM (Second Wednesday of the Month)

## SIG Meeting Locations:

All groups meet at the Bellevue 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 per-

For a detailed listing of our SIG's, up-dated information about KEGS activities, and more, please see our web site at:

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