

PASS WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY VIRTUAL CHAPTER



WIT March 2016 Newsletter

We are now at the end of the first quarter of 2016, and the WIT Virtual Chapter is going strong. Our latest webinar, Gender Inequalities in Tech and Leadership, was a fantastic success. As database professionals, we love to see factual data, not just anecdotes. This session is filled with study results to back up the points made. One study showed that given the identical resume with a male or female name, women and men are more likely to hire a man. If you missed the presentation, the recording is available [here](#).

We continue to partner with the [Professional Development](#) and [DBA Fundamentals](#) chapters and thank them for their support. On March 21st, Mickey Stuewe will present [Be a Role Model for Women in Tech Through Blogging](#) for the Prof Dev chapter. On April 5th, Erin Stellato will present [Kicking and Screaming: Replacing Profiler with Extended Events](#) for the DBA Fundamentals chapter. The next WIT webinar is April 12th when Catherine Wilhelmsen will present [Tools and Tips: From Accidental to Efficient Data Warehouse Developer](#). Rie will be hosting #SQLChat for Idera Software on Twitter on April 12th at 12 pm EDT. The subject will be SQL Server Migrations & Lessons Learned.

A schedule of everything we have planned so far can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

To celebrate Women's History Month, Pragmatic Works is featuring female presenters for their free [Tuesday webinar series](#).

Congratulations are in order to two of the PASS organization's members, [Julie Koesmarno](#) and [Jen Stirrup](#). They were both named among the [Top 9 Women Influencers in Business Intelligence & Data Analytics](#). Thank you to Julie and Jen for all you do for the community and for tech.

Earlier this month, the Women in Tech Virtual Chapter was featured in the PASS Connector News. Be sure to check out our [interview](#). We were honored and thrilled to receive this recognition of the work we have been doing and the publicity for the chapter.

Rie and Kathi

The History of Women and Code

Women were the pioneers of computer programming. [Ada Lovelace](#) is considered by many to be the very first computer programmer due to her work in the 1800s with the theoretical Babbage machine. Over a hundred years later, [Grace Hopper](#) developed a compiler that was the precursor to COBOL. After World War II, programming was considered "women's work." A group of female mathematicians who had calculated missile trajectories during the war were the first to program ENIAC, an early commercial

computer. It wasn't until the 1980s that men began to dominate computer programming. Suddenly, programming became a well-paying, prestigious career primarily promoted to men and boys. See the Great Links section for more resources on the history of women and code.

Great Links

We are always looking for input from our members. Please drop us a line at witvc@sqlpass.org if you have something you would like to share, would like to write an article for the newsletter, or if you would like to present a webinar. We are looking for any topic that would be interesting to the WIT group and data platform topics presented by women. This is a great way to get experience as a speaker.

[Rediscovering WWII's Female 'Computers'](#)

[Top Secret Rosies: The Female Computers of World War II](#)

[The Forgotten Female Programmers Who Created Modern Tech](#)

[These are the Best Cities for Women in Tech](#)

Webinar Schedule

Date	Webinar	Presenter
March 21, 2016	Be a Role Model for Women in Tech through Blogging	Mickey Stuewe
April 5, 2016	Kicking and Screaming: Replacing Profiler with Extended Events	Erin Stellato
April 12, 2016	Tools and Tips: From Accidental to Efficient Data Warehouse Developer	Catherine Wilhelmsen
April 12, 2016	SQL Server Migrations & Lessons Learned*	Rie Irish
May 3, 2016	Beyond CXPACKET: Understanding Wait Statistics	Jes Borland
May 4, 2016	Using Teaching Kids Programming Courseware with Kids Ages 10-17	Lynn Langit
June 7, 2016	From Entry Level to Tech Guru	LaShana Lewis
July 12, 2016	3 SKILLS EVERY JUNIOR DBA MUST KNOW	Kendra Little

*Search for #sqlchat on Twitter April 12th at 12 pm EDT