



June 2016 Newsletter

News

On June 1st, Microsoft released the latest version of SQL Server to much anticipation and excitement. We hope many of you have been able to participate in the SQL Server 2016 events held by PASS chapters. Some of these are day-long events called SQL Server Discovery Day, and some may be sessions about 2016 features at regular chapter meetings. Our chapter will host a [webinar](#) on July 26th about the changes to SQL Server Reporting Services. If you haven't heard about the new web portal and mobile reports, be sure to attend! Microsoft has shown SQL Server a lot of love in this release, and there is something for everyone!

If you still need to register for PASS Summit, be sure to use the discount code VC15NKH5 to get \$150 off the registration price. We look forward to seeing you there!

SQLHa is running a [contest for a free registration to their Mission Critical training](#). To support WIT, only women are eligible. Good luck if you enter!

Rie and Kathi

Stepping up to the Plate

Last week was a very important week for many of us in the SQL Server community. On Wednesday, PASS announced the community [speakers](#) and [sessions](#) for Summit 2016. Women presenters represent about 12% of the speakers chosen. It would be interesting to see how that number has changed over the past few years. How can that percentage of women speakers at Summit increase? More women must submit sessions in the first place.

Speaking at PASS Summit is a big deal. It's kind of like the academy awards of the SQL Server community. PASS Summit is the largest gathering of SQL Server professionals on the planet, and getting to present one of the sessions is an experience like no other. Attendees, or their employers, pay for the conference and travel expenses and take time off from normal work. They rightly expect that the program will be first rate.

If you are interested in speaking at PASS Summit someday, you must be an experienced presenter. As a PASS member, you have many opportunities to practice your presentation skills, such as presenting for us or another virtual chapter, presenting at your local chapter, and presenting at SQL Saturdays. You may even be called on to present at work.

Many new speakers wonder just what they could know enough about in order to give a good presentation. My advice is to start with something you know well, but realize that you will never know everything. While preparing your topic, you must dig a bit deeper, and you will learn even more. Be sure to practice your presentation. Practicing will help you figure out where to expand the information, and what to leave out, before you are standing in front of your audience.

Once you are giving your presentation, don't be afraid to learn from your audience. Everyone in the room has a different background and experiences. You may find something to add to your presentation next time, or at least be ready if the question comes up again.

There is one more thing to remember if you want to become a speaker. YOU are your worst critic. Give yourself some credit – You rock!

Kathi

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.

[Take your child to work day with a TECH spin](#)

[A Decade as a Women in the Tech Industry](#)

[Five Tech Blogs by Women You Need to Follow](#)

Webinar Schedule

Date	Webinar	Presenter
July 12, 2016	3 SKILLS EVERY JUNIOR DBA MUST KNOW	Kendra Little
July 12, 2016	A SQL Developer's Guide to MDX Basics	Shabnam Watson
July 26, 2016	SSRS 2016	Kathi Kellenberger
August 2, 2016	Improving Your PowerPoint Skills	Evelyn Maxwell

SQL Saturdays

We will now list technical session by women as well as WIT related session.

Event	Location	Date	Session Title	Organizer
SQL Saturday #527	Columbus	7/16/2016	It's OK to Talk to Strangers	Cassandra Faris
SQL Saturday #527	Columbus	7/16/2016	Inside the Black Box - Making Sense of Service Broker	Colleen Morrow
SQL Saturday #527	Columbus	7/16/2016	Navigating the Options for Data Redundancy	Wendy Pastrick

SQL Saturday #527	Columbus	7/16/2016	Improving Your PowerPoint Skills	Evelyn Maxwell
SQL Saturday #527	Columbus	7/16/2016	Designing Stored Procedure Solutions	Jennifer McCown
SQL Saturday #527	Columbus	7/16/2016	WIT: Identifying, Understanding, and Combating Gender Bias	Rie Irish
SQL Saturday #527	Columbus	7/16/2016	(Way Too Much) Fun with Reporting Services	Stacia Varga
SQL Saturday #527	Columbus	7/16/2016	Microsoft Business Intelligence 2016 - More Love for Your Data	Tamera Clark
SQL Saturday #539	Sioux Falls	7/23/2016	Build on-the-fly reporting with Dynamic SQL	Dorothy Ling
SQL Saturday #540	Sacramento	7/23/2016	Biml for Beginners: Speed Up Your SSIS Development	Cathrine Wilhelmsen
SQL Saturday #540	Sacramento	7/23/2016	DBA Cheat Sheet	Elizabeth Block
SQL Saturday #540	Sacramento	7/23/2016	Overcoming Chartaphobia with Power BI	Meagan Longoria
SQL Saturday #540	Sacramento	7/23/2016	Recovery Models Made SIMPLE	Kalen Delaney
SQL Saturday #540	Sacramento	7/23/2016	Who needs SSAS when you have SQL?	Meagan Longoria
SQL Saturday #540	Sacramento	7/23/2016	Tools and Tips: From Accidental to Efficient Data Warehouse Developer	Cathrine Wilhelmsen
SQL Saturday #540	Sacramento	7/23/2016	Changing Your Habits to Improve the Performance of Your T-SQL	Mickey Stuewe
SQL Saturday #513	Albany	7/30/2016	Beginning T-SQL	Jennifer McCown
SQL Saturday #513	Albany	7/30/2016	Data Quality	Vijaya Kokkili
SQL Saturday #513	Albany	7/30/2016	Fun in Gerrit Code Review/Git integration with CI	Emiko Hori
SQL Saturday #513	Albany	7/30/2016	Power BI Performance Tips	Rachael Martino