



## October 2016 Newsletter

PASS Summit is just a week away. We can't wait to meet many of you in Seattle! In addition to running into you at sessions, in the hallways, and evening events, we have several things planned:

Event	Date/Time
<b>Birds of a Feather Lunch table</b>	October 26 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
<a href="#">WIT Happy Hour @Palomino</a> <b>Sponsored in part by SentryOne</b>	October 26 6:00 pm – 8 pm
<b>Women in Technology Luncheon</b> <b>with keynote speaker Kelly</b> <b>Lockwood Primus</b> <b>Sponsored by SentryOne</b>	October 27 11:45 am – 1:15 pm
<b>Community Zone</b>	October 28 10:00 am – 11:00 am

We have hosted many fantastic webinars over the past few months. These include sessions discussing WIT topics and technical sessions presented by women. If you missed any of the webinars, you can always watch the recordings on our [Youtube channel](#).

Looking for an opportunity to present? We are looking for new speakers in January for our "New Year, New Speakers" month and speakers with all levels of experience in March, Women's History Month. Please reach out to us by sending a message to [witvc@sqlpass.org](mailto:witvc@sqlpass.org) if you would like to speak during one of those months or any time during the year.

To see the list of women speaking at SQL Saturday and PASS Summit, check out this [schedule](#) on our site. Thanks to Michelle Haarhues for keeping it up to date.

Coming up next month, Mindy Curnutt will present a session on [Imposter Syndrome](#). This frustrating phenomenon affects many of us. Mindy will have some tips on conquering this monster.

We want to wish a big congratulations to Jen Stirrup! She will [appear during the day one keynote at PASS Summit](#).

-- Rie and Kathi

### How PASS Summit Changed My Life

In 2003, I was in my second year as a DBA for a large law firm. I had become a DBA after working as a developer for five years. I had heard about PASS Summit and expecting that my manager would probably turn down the request, asked if I could attend. I was surprised when she said yes.

The highlight for me at PASS Summit that year was the big news about SSRS. I couldn't wait to implement it for our IT department and eliminate all those pesky Access reports.

In 2004, Summit was held in Orlando. Once again, I attended, but this time I took advantage of two of the professional development sessions. In the first session, I learned about volunteering to get more involved with PASS. In the second, which I am pretty sure was titled “How to Make a Name for Yourself,” I learned about the MVP program and the activities that could bring recognition in the SQL Server community. Those sessions inspired me to do two things: sign up to be a volunteer and to write my first article. I dreamed of presenting at PASS Summit some day and maybe even being awarded the MVP.

After getting that first article published, I continued writing for SQL Server Central. When looking for help with the first book on SSIS in 2005, Brian Knight asked me to write a chapter or two after reading my articles. I had no idea how my life would change because of that book, but it has been an incredible journey. I now have my own books published, have spoken at Summit several times, and became an MVP in 2008. People all over the world have learned T-SQL because of the words I have written.

I was thrilled to get that first article published, but I immediately set a goal of writing six articles in a year. Instead of six articles, I wrote a dozen articles and two chapters in what turned out to be a very popular book.

The point of the story is to dream great dreams but dreaming isn’t enough. Set goals, but make them big goals. Break big goals down into manageable steps and *do those things*. Like me, you might be surprised how your life can change and how much you can achieve.

-- Kathi

## Great Links

We are always looking for input from our members. Please drop us a line at [witvc@sqlpass.org](mailto: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.

[Technical? Non-Technical? Both!](#)  
[The Beginner’s Guide to Goal Setting](#)  
[What it Takes to be an MVP](#)

## Webinar Schedule

Date	Webinar	Presenter
November 16, 2016	<a href="#">Imposter Syndrome: Are You Faking It, &amp; Will They Find Out?</a>	Mindy Curnutt

## SQL Saturdays and PASS Summit

Event	Location	Date	Session Title	Organizer
SQL Saturday #572	Oregon	10/22/2016	<a href="#">Hi, my name is Powershell, let's be friends! An Intro to PoSH</a>	Amy Herold

<b>SQL Saturday #572</b>	Oregon	10/22/2016	<a href="#">Keeping your SQL Objects Safe In Development</a>	Mickey Stuewe
<b>SQL Saturday #572</b>	Oregon	10/22/2016	<a href="#">Biml for Beginners: Speed Up Your SSIS Development</a>	Cathrine Wilhelmsen
<b>SQL Saturday #572</b>	Oregon	10/22/2016	<a href="#">Cortana Analytics : Transform Data into Intelligence</a>	Leila Etaati
<b>SQL Saturday #572</b>	Oregon	10/22/2016	<a href="#">Why NULL is not a value (and other SQL gotchas)</a>	Wendy Pastrick
<b>SQL Saturday #572</b>	Oregon	10/22/2016	<a href="#">Women in Technology: Identifying and Understanding Gender Bias &amp; Inequality</a>	Rie Irish
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/24/2016	<a href="#">What's New for BI in SQL Server 2016?</a>	Stacia Varga
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/25/2016	<a href="#">Locking, Blocking, Versions: Concurrency for Maximum Performance</a>	Kalen Delaney
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/25/2016	<a href="#">SQL Server Index Formulas: Problems and Solutions</a>	Kendra Little
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/26/2016	<a href="#">What's New in Azure SQL Database</a>	Lindsey Allen
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/26/2016	<a href="#">Building an SSRS Monitoring System</a>	Stacia Varga
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/26/2016	<a href="#">Mobile BI and Dataviz with SQL Server 2016, R, and PowerBI</a>	Jen Stirrup
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/26/2016	<a href="#">Ticking Timebombs in Your Databases</a>	Karen Lopez, Thomas LaRock
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/26/2016	<a href="#">Combining SQL Server 2016 and Hadoop with Polybase</a>	Ginger Grant
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/26/2016	<a href="#">The Many Latencies of TempDB</a>	Gail Shaw
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/26/2016	<a href="#">Biml for Beginners: Speed Up Your SSIS Development</a>	Cathrine Wilhelmsen
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/27/2016	<a href="#">Why People Should Care About Data Science; or The Hearts and Minds of Data Science</a>	Cecilia Aragon
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/27/2016	<a href="#">Data-Driven @ Netflix</a>	Michelle Ufford
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/27/2016	<a href="#">How to be a Technology All-Star: Things You Need to Know to Navigate Change and Stay Ahead</a>	Lara Rubbelke, Adam Jorgensen
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/27/2016	<a href="#">Advance Your Career by Becoming a Volunteer</a>	Cathrine Wilhelmsen
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/27/2016	<a href="#">Changing Your Habits to Improve the Performance of Your T-SQL</a>	Mickey Stuewe

<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/27/2016	<a href="#">Inside the Black Box: Making Sense of Service Broker</a>	Colleen Morrow
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/27/2016	<a href="#">Getting Your Story Straight with Data Visualizations</a>	Stacia Varga
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/27/2016	<a href="#">R: One Ring to Rule Them All</a>	Leila Etaati
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/27/2016	<a href="#">Recovery Models Made SIMPLE</a>	Kalen Delaney
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/27/2016	<a href="#">The Great Performance Robbery: Locking Problems and Solutions</a>	Kendra Little
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/27/2016	<a href="#">Women in Technology Luncheon: Leadership, The Missing 33%™ and Career Success for Women</a>	Kelly Lockwood Primus
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/28/2016	<a href="#">Effective Report Authoring Using Power BI Desktop</a>	Kim Manis, Miguel Llopis
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/28/2016	<a href="#">Chalk Talk with the SQL Server Team</a>	Lindsey Allen
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/28/2016	<a href="#">Chalk Talk with the Power BI &amp; SQL BI Teams</a>	Theresa Palmer-Boroski Chris Finlan Miguel Llopis Josh Caplan Kay Unkroth Riccardo Muti
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/28/2016	<a href="#">Cortana Analytics : Transform Data into Intelligence</a>	Leila Etaati
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/28/2016	<a href="#">Indexing for Beginners</a>	Kathi Kellenberger
<b>PASS Summit</b>	Seattle	10/28/2016	<a href="#">Managing SaaS Application Databases with Elastic Jobs: SQL Agent and More for Azure SQL Database</a>	Debra Dove
<b>SQL Saturday #564</b>	Orlando	11/12/2016	<a href="#">Does your performance tuning need a 12-step program?</a>	Janis Griffin
<b>SQL Saturday #564</b>	Orlando	11/12/2016	<a href="#">Hi, my name is Powershell, let's be friends! An Intro to PoSH</a>	Amy Herold
<b>SQL Saturday #564</b>	Orlando	11/12/2016	<a href="#">Introduction to SQL Server Integration Services 2016</a>	Jessica Moss
<b>SQL Saturday #564</b>	Orlando	11/12/2016	<a href="#">Seamlessly Scaling Azure SQL DB with Elastic Database Tools</a>	Silvia Doomra
<b>SQL Saturday #564</b>	Orlando	11/12/2016	<a href="#">Tips and Tricks for Reporting Services</a>	Pam Shaw