

## January 2017 Newsletter

This month we are introducing our new virtual group logo. This change coincides with the new branding at PASS. We are going to continue to bring you great technical and non-technical content this year as well as an amazing program at the PASS Summit WIT Luncheon in November.

We have one remaining webinar in our New Year, New Speakers series. Ashwina Dodhyani will talk about the differences between [Oracle PL SQL and T-SQL](#) on January 31. In March, we will have four sessions from women presenters. We have a fantastic lineup of speakers. Check out the schedule below. If you missed any of the webinars, you can find [links to the recordings](#) on our site.



Have you tried SentryOne's [Plan Explorer](#)? In the past, they offered a free version which was really good and a paid, professional version. Recently, they announced that the professional version would be free for everyone. If query tuning is part of your job, you should really check this out! Thanks again to SentryOne for their support of our group.

--Rie and Kathi

### Girls Can do Anything

The movie [Hidden Figures](#) was released last month and became [number one at the box office](#) for the weekends of January 6-8 and January 13-15. This movie is based on the story of three mathematicians at NASA who were instrumental in our first manned orbit of the earth by John Glenn in 1962. The mathematicians just happened to be women and just happened to be African Americans. The movie shows the many obstacles they had to overcome to reach their goals and the goals of the US space race. One of the saddest examples is that there was no restroom for "colored women" in the building where Katherine Johnson one of the mathematicians worked. She had to run to the only other building on campus with an allowed restroom a half mile away. After doing some research I learned that this was not exactly true for Katherine, but it did represent a big daily frustration for many of the African American women working at NASA.

To celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I took my 10 year old grandson to see the movie. I was hoping he would enjoy it even though it is not the typical genre of movie he sees. At the end of the movie, I asked him what he learned. He said "Girls can do anything!" I thought that was a great lesson for him. I believe it is really important to teach our kids that gender, race, nor anything else should keep us from achieving our potentials.

--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.

[History Hollywood: Hidden Figures \(2017\)](#)

[IBM Outthink Hidden](#)

[Study: Young Girls are Less Apt to Think that Women are Smart](#)

[How to Survive When You're Always the Lone Female Engineer](#)

## Webinar Schedule

Date	Webinar	Presenter
January 31, 2017	<a href="#">Introduction to Oracle SQL and PL SQL</a>	Ashwina Dodhyani
February 7, 2017	<a href="#">Answering the Question "What Happened?" with Query Store</a>	Erin Stellato
February 21, 2017	<a href="#">Stored Procedure Optimization Techniques</a>	Kimberly L. Tripp
March 2, 2017	<a href="#">Moving Past Imposter Syndrome</a>	Wendy Pastrick
March 15, 2017	<a href="#">Kicking and Screaming: Replacing Profiler with Extended Events</a>	Erin Stellato
March 21, 2017	<a href="#">Seeking SQL Server Secrets</a>	Kalen Delaney
March 29, 2017	<a href="#">Identifying and Understanding Gender Bias &amp; Inequality</a>	Rie Irish

## SQL Saturdays

Event	Location	Date	Session Title	Speaker
SQL Saturday #595	Cleveland	2/4/2017	<a href="#">Power BI Administration and Best Practices Implementation Techniques</a>	Ginger Grant
SQL Saturday #595	Cleveland	2/4/2017	<a href="#">Introduction to Window Functions</a>	Kathi Kellenberger
SQL Saturday #595	Cleveland	2/4/2017	<a href="#">Does your performance tuning need a 12-step program?</a>	Janis Griffin
SQL Saturday #595	Cleveland	2/4/2017	<a href="#">Forcing Plans with Query Store</a>	Erin Stellato
SQL Saturday #595	Cleveland	2/4/2017	<a href="#">Why NULL is not a value (and other SQL gotchas)</a>	Wendy Pastrick
SQL Saturday #582	Melbourne	2/11/2017	<a href="#">DW SuperHero-Columnstore Index</a>	Manjot Kaur
SQL Saturday #582	Melbourne	2/11/2017	<a href="#">Intro to Azure Data Lake and U-SQL</a>	Julie Koesmarno
SQL Saturday #582	Melbourne	2/11/2017	<a href="#">What's new in Azure SQL DB and SQL engine</a>	Lindsey Allen
SQL Saturday #582	Melbourne	2/11/2017	<a href="#">R: One Ring to Rule Them All</a>	Leila Etaati
SQL Saturday #582	Melbourne	2/11/2017	<a href="#">Azure Cognitive Services - The Rise of the Machines!</a>	Rolf Tesmer Kristina Rumpff
SQL Saturday #587	Sydney	2/18/2017	<a href="#">Treasure Map: Choosing the Right Algorithm in Azure ML</a>	Leila Etaati
SQL Saturday #586	Guatemala	2/18/2017	<a href="#">The SQL server behind Dynamics CRM online</a>	Mayra Badillo Villamizar
SQL Saturday #596	Denver - BI	2/25/2017	<a href="#">Test Automation: Agile Enablement for DW and BI Teams</a>	Cher Fox, Lynn Winterboer

SQL Saturday #596	Denver - BI	2/25/2017	<a href="#">Azure Data Factory in a Nutshell</a>	Meagan Longoria
SQL Saturday #585	Boston	2/25/2017	<a href="#">WIT: Identifying, Understanding and Combating Gender Bias &amp; Inequality</a>	Rie Irish
SQL Saturday #585	Boston	2/25/2017	<a href="#">Read Dirty to Me - Isolation Levels/User Impact</a>	Wendy Pastrick