

March 2017 Newsletter

This month, we have been celebrating Women's History Month and International Women's Day by hosting four webinars by top women speakers in the community. We have one session to go. WIT leader Rie Irish will speak on March 29th. If you missed our sessions with Wendy Pastrick, Kalen Delaney, or Erin Stellato, you will find links to the recordings [here](#).

We are working on the rest of the schedule for spring and summer, so be prepared to see more sessions from amazing technical women including Jen McCown, Jes Borland, and Melissa Coates!

Are you thinking about becoming a speaker? We want to hear from you! We are always on the lookout for topics important to women in tech and technical topics presented by women. Other virtual groups are looking for women speakers as well on topics such as [DBA Fundamentals](#) and [Security](#). Please contact us at witvc@sqlpass.org or reach out to these groups directly if you want to present.

Thanks to SentryOne for sponsoring us. Their support makes PASS Virtual Groups possible, and provides funds so that we can award gift certificates during our webinars. They also sponsor the WIT Luncheon at PASS Summit, and have done so for several years. Right now, we are in the planning stages for PASS Summit 2017 and will have an announcement about the keynote speaker in a couple of months.



What I learned from a Women in Tech Celebration

About a year ago, a young woman in the St. Louis technical community reached out to me about starting a local women in tech group. While I don't have time to help, I did give her some advice. A couple of weeks ago, she invited me to the launch of her new group.

The evening was great! About 60 people showed up, including a few men. Twelve of the women, including me, told their stories. I learned several things from these stories:

- Most of us have taken a circuitous route instead of a straight line to get where we are today.
- What parents say to girls makes a big difference in what they believe they can achieve.
- Many women don't take credit for what they have achieved.
- Sometimes you must fake it (confidence) till you make it.
- Training from a technical college can get you as far as an engineering degree from a prestigious university.

I can't wait for the next meeting to see what is in store!

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.

[The women of St. Louis Techies](#)

[International Women's Day](#)

[Against the Odds: Growing the Number of Women in Technology](#)

Webinar Schedule

Date	Webinar	Presenter
March 29, 2017	Identifying and Understanding Gender Bias & Inequality	Rie Irish
April 12, 2017	Effortless Backups with Minion Backup	Jen McCown
June 14, 2017	Busy is a Four Letter Word	Jes Borland
July 19, 2017	Designing a Modern DW + Data Lake	Melissa Coates

SQL Saturdays

Event	Location	Date	Session Title	Organizer
SQL Saturday #597	Phoenix	3/25/2017	Making the Leap from Developer to DBA	Amy Herold
SQL Saturday #597	Phoenix	3/25/2017	Power BI Gotcha's	Rachael Martino
SQL Saturday #597	Phoenix	3/25/2017	Master Data Services 2016 - Giving users control of their data	Connie Fowler
SQL Saturday #597	Phoenix	3/25/2017	Tableau and Power BI-Compare and Contrast	Jude Dcosta
SQL Saturday #597	Phoenix	3/25/2017	Making the Leap from Developer to DBA	Amy Herold
SQL Saturday #597	Phoenix	3/25/2017	Pick the right R - R, Microsoft R Open and Microsoft R Server	Divya Saini
SQL Saturday #597	Phoenix	3/25/2017	Data Analytics with U-SQL	Ginger Grant
SQL Saturday #597	Phoenix	3/25/2017	Sentiment Analysis with R	Rachael Phillips
SQL Saturday #597	Phoenix	3/25/2017	SHARPen Your BIMLSCRIPT	Cyndi Johnson
SQL Saturday #597	Phoenix	3/25/2017	Introduction to Window Functions	Kathi Kellenberger
SQL Saturday #597	Phoenix	3/25/2017	Common Linear and Classification for Machine Learning using Microsoft R	Venus Lin
SQL Saturday #597	Phoenix	3/25/2017	An Introduction to Market Basket Analysis & Demonstrations	Yueying Li

SQL Saturday #597	Phoenix	3/25/2017	An Introduction to Advanced Analytics	Karla Benefiel
SQL Saturday #597	Phoenix	3/25/2017	Indexing for Beginners	Kathi Kellenberger
SQL Saturday #584	Colorado Springs	3/25/2017	Up Close and Personal with the Tabular SSAS DMVs	Meagan Longoria
SQL Saturday #584	Colorado Springs	3/25/2017	Disaster Recovery Where to Begin	Tracy Boggiano
SQL Saturday #584	Colorado Springs	3/25/2017	The Next Frontier- Opportunities When Migrating to the Cloud with Virtualization	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
SQL Saturday #584	Colorado Springs	3/25/2017	Even I Can Power BI!	Julia Renz Jeff Renz
SQL Saturday #584	Colorado Springs	3/25/2017	Test Automation: Agile Enablement for DW and BI Teams	Cher Fox Lynn Winterboer
SQL Saturday #584	Colorado Springs	3/25/2017	Get Into the Goldilocks Zone: Managing SQL Transaction Log VLF Growth	Michelle Poolet
SQL Saturday #584	Colorado Springs	3/25/2017	On the Doorsteps - Women in Technology	Michelle Haarhues
SQL Saturday #606	Santiago	4/1/2017	The SQL server behind Dynamics CRM online	Mayra Badillo Villamizar
SQL Saturday #611	Orange County	4/1/2017	Let's Get Meta: an Overview of ETL Frameworks using Biml	Kate Grass
SQL Saturday #611	Orange County	4/1/2017	DBA 101 – Let's Get Started	Lori Edwards
SQL Saturday #611	Orange County	4/1/2017	Redgate Source Control	Mickey Stuewe
SQL Saturday #611	Orange County	4/1/2017	Making the Leap from Developer to DBA	Amy Herold
SQL Saturday #611	Orange County	4/1/2017	Changing Your Habits to Improve the Performance of Your T-SQL	Mickey Stuewe
SQL Saturday #611	Orange County	4/1/2017	Zero Impact Data Migration – Oracle to SQL Server	Susan Wong
SQL Saturday #611	Orange County	4/1/2017	Deadlock, Block & Two Smoking Barrels: Breaking Down Blocking and Deadlocks	Amy Herold