

December 2017 Newsletter

It has been a great year for our chapter. We had a very strong presence at PASS Summit and hosted webinars throughout the year. We plan to continue to promote women speakers at technical events and, hopefully, encourage more women in our community to start speaking and writing

What is holding your back? If you are unsure where to start, please reach out to us (witvc@pass.org). We have helped a handful of women get their start. Some have gone on to speak at PASS Summit! If you are interested in writing, we have some news. We have started a [blogging site](#) for those of you interested in writing, but who don't want to commit to a full-fledged site. Again, please reach out to us to get started. And, yes, you do have something interesting to say.

To provide some inspiration, we would like to feature one of our favorite bloggers each month. This month, take a look at Kendra Little's [blog](#)!

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Once again, we would like to thank our  and  sponsors for supporting our group. They provide funds that make virtual groups possible. We also award a gift certificate at each webinar to one lucky attendee thanks to the funds provided.

Redgate's SQL In the City Streamed videos are now available for viewing. Check them out [here](#).

SentryOne would like to remind everyone that they are sponsoring [Tech Outbound 2018](#) and [SQLBits 2018](#).

--Rie and Kathi

Setting Goals

It's that time of year again when many of us set goals for the next year. These goals might involve health and fitness, new skills, a promotion at work, or time with family. Gyms are the busiest in the first part of the year, but attendance falls off as the months pass by. There is something about beginnings that make us take stock of our lives, but changing our habits is not always easy. Personally, I'm a goal setter. I've had big goals, like becoming a developer in the 90s, and some that were smaller, such as earning my first certification. A few years ago, I decided that, when I get an idea about something fun, I won't let time or money stop me. This has led me to climb the stairs of the Space Needle, attend cruises hosted by my favorite band, and book a Hawaii trip with my husband, our kids and their families (next June!). I will always earn more money, but time will run out whether I do the fun things or not.

Back in late 2004, I decided to write an article for SQL Server Central (SSC), the site that I depended on daily to help me learn how to be a DBA. Once that article was published, I set a goal to write six more articles by the end of the 2005. I've learned something strange about goals. Even if they feel daunting when made, setting your mind on something makes it possible to achieve even more. I had no plans to ever write a book, but by the summer of 2005, I was part of the team writing the first book ever published on SQL Server Integration Services. Brian Knight, the lead author of the book, invited me because of one of those articles I wrote for SSC. My life hasn't been the same since.

I hope that you set some big goals for yourself next year. If those goals include becoming a presenter or blogger, please reach out to us at witvc@pass.org. We want to help you reach those goals!

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.

[6 Reasons Why You Need to Set Goals](#)
[How Blogging Can Help Your Career](#)

Webinar Schedule

Date	Session	Speaker
Jan 9, 2018	Statement Execution and the Plan Cache (DBA Fundamentals group)	Kimberly Tripp
Jan 17, 2018	I'm It -- Survival Techniques for the Lone DBA	Monica Rathbun
Jan 23, 2018	Not So Secret: Get to Know SQL Server Agent (DBA Fundamentals Group)	Jess Borland
Jan 23, 2018	Introduction to the Azure Machine Learning Workbench (Cloud Virtual Group)	Ginger Grant
Jan 25, 2018	Azure SQL Database Performance Tuning (Cloud Virtual Group)	Jes Borland
Feb 6, 2018	Migrating to In-Memory OLTP (DBA Fundamentals group)	Erin Stellato
Feb 21, 2018	Deadlock, Block & Two Smoking Barrels: Breaking Down Blocking and Deadlocks	Amy Herold
Mar 14, 2018	Optimizing Stored Procedures (Data Architecture group)	Kimberly Tripp
Apr 19, 2018	Is the Cloud Cost Effective? (Cloud virtual group)	Steph Locke
May 1, 2018	Index Design Patterns for Beginners (DBA Fundamentals group)	Kendra Little

Oct 16, 2018	SQL Server 2016 Features to Make DBA Lives Easier (DBA Fundamentals group)	Padma Achanta
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SQL Saturdays

Event	Location	Date	Session Title	Presenter
SQL Saturday #698	Nashville	1-13-2018	How to Build Your Disaster Recovery Plan	Rie Irish
SQL Saturday #698	Nashville	1-13-2018	Azure Machine Learning 101	Kathi Kellenberger
SQL Saturday #698	Nashville	1-13-2018	Performance Tuning for Salary Negotiations	Je'Anna Lanza-Abbott
SQL Saturday #698	Nashville	1-13-2018	Beginners SQL Server Security the Low Hanging Fruit	Lindsay Clark
SQL Saturday #698	Nashville	1-13-2018	HiHo! HiHo! SQL Server on Linux, We Go!	Janis Griffin
SQL Saturday #698	Nashville	1-13-2018	Hi, my name is Powershell, let's be friends! An Intro to PoSH	Amy Herold
SQL Saturday #698	Nashville	1-13-2018	AI to the Masses! But How? Pixie Dust?	Hope Foley
SQL Saturday #698	Nashville	1-13-2018	Making Your List and Checking It Twice: Introduction to unit testing with tSQL	Elizabeth Noble
SQL Saturday #698	Nashville	1-13-2018	SQL Server Take Over: Establishing a Baseline	Lowry Kozlowski
SQL Saturday #698	Nashville	1-13-2018	Biml for Beginners: Speed Up Your SSIS Development	Cathrine Wilhelmsen
SQL Saturday #698	Nashville	1-13-2018	Why NULL is not a value (and other SQL gotchas)	Wendy Pastrick
SQL Saturday #698	Nashville	1-13-2018	Query Store Primer	Tracy Boggiano

SQL Saturday #698	Nashville	1-13-2018	Becoming the MVP: Soft Skills for the Hard Market	Angela Tidwell
SQL Saturday #698	Nashville	1-13-2018	Why am I able to master several technologies but I struggle in my own business language?	Karen Nelson
SQL Saturday #698	Nashville	1-13-2018	DevOps for the DBA	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
SQL Saturday #679 PreCon	Vienna	1-18-2018	Advanced Analytics with Power BI and R	Leila Etaati
SQL Saturday #679	Vienna	1-19-2018	Power BI Server - On Premises	Frank Geisler Sandra Geisler
SQL Saturday #679	Vienna	1-19-2018	Azure Analysis Services - An important step for BI in the cloud?	Gabi Munster