December 2019 Newsletter

We are off to a great start in 2020 with two webinars in January. Donna Ellis Wilson will present Failure Needs to be an Option on January 15ᵗʰ and DeNisha Malone will present Story-telling with Data Using Power BI on January 23ʳᵈ. Be sure to join us for these great sessions. The Cloud Virtual Group is hosting three sessions over the next few months by women. Check the schedule below for sessions from Ginger Grant, Yingying Myra Ma, and Hope Foley.

Each month, we feature a blogger, and this month it is Elizabeth Noble. Elizabeth is a Database Engineer in the metro Atlanta area. She also has a book coming out May 2020, "Pro T-SQL 2019: Toward Speed, Scalability, and Standardization for SQL Server Developers"

Interested in starting your own blog? We can help get you started. Just send us a note at wit@pass.org.

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--Rie and Kathi

Behind the Scenes at PASS Summit

While attending sessions, networking, and meeting up with friends old and new, you might not realize what it takes to host PASS Summit. You might know about the folks PASS HQ and volunteers from the community who work all year long at to put on a great event. What you may not think about are the people hired just for the event. These people set up chairs, check badges, monitor rooms, and much,

much more that we just take for granted. Did you know that only six people placed all the handouts on 4000 chairs before the keynote?

I have to admit, I never gave these workers a second thought until this year. As I was waiting to present my session on Friday, I stopped to talk to the room monitor sitting outside the room. Little did I know that within a few minutes, I would make a new friend.

Nikita Tarver, the room monitor, could tell I was nervous. She encouraged me to take some deep breaths (smell the flowers, blow out the candles) that really helped get me focused. It turns out that she makes a habit of reaching out to strangers.

After being away from Seattle for a couple of years, she moved back and felt that something had changed. Seattle no longer felt like home; people were not as friendly as she remembered. A friend of hers explained it as the "Seattle freeze." That's when she decided to purposely reach out to people she met at work or on the bus every day. In fact, she is trying to start a movement called #strangerlove to get people to show kindness to everyone they meet. Kindness is free, so why not share it?

Within a few minutes of meeting Nikita, Heidi Hastings a speaker and MVP from Australia walked up. She had a gift for Nikita and wanted to get a photo with her. It turns out that they had met at PASS Summit two years ago and found each other again this year.

Nikita enjoys working at conferences because she gets to meet people from all over the world. She found that the attendees at PASS Summit are friendly and excited to learn. She loves when people from the community recognize her and say hello.

In addition to the new things I learned about data at PASS Summit, I learned how hard people are working behind the scenes to make our week turn out great. I also found a new friend with a lot of kindness and wisdom to share.

--Kathi

Great Links

We are always looking for input from our members. Please drop us a line at wit@pass.org if you have a link 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 Confidence Code
Top 10 Negotiating Skills
Most Powerful Women in Tech in 2019

Webinar Schedule

Group	Date	Session	Speaker
Women in Technology	1-15-2020	Failure Needs to Be an Option	Donna Ellis Wilson
Women in Technology	1-23-2020	Story-telling with Data using Power BI	DeNisha Malone
Cloud Virtual Group	01-30-2020	Introduction to Snowflake, the data warehouse build for the cloud	Ginger Grant
Cloud Virtual Group	03-05-2020	Azure Data Factory - An overview of modern data integration service in the cloud	Yingying Myra Ma
Cloud Virtual Group	03-12-2020	Throw a Brick at Your Data: Intro to Azure Databricks	Hope Foley

SQL Saturday and PASS Summit Speakers

Event	Location	Date	Session Tile	Presenter
SQL Saturday #933 Pre-Con	Nashville	01-16-2020	The Snowflake Protocol	Sara Whitworth, Warren Sifre
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	Introduction to the hybrid cloud	Gilda Alvarez
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	T-SQL Window Function Performance in 2019	Kathi Kellenberger
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	Performance Tuning, Getting the Biggest Bang for Your Buck	Monica Rathbun
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	Beginner's Guide to Power BI	DeNisha Malone
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	Using Open Source Software to Collect Performance Metrics	Tracy Boggiano
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	Building a Strong Foundation for Data Analysis	Leslie Andrews
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	The Future Is Here for Containers!	Marsha Pierce

SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	Resources for the New, Aspiring, or Accidental DBA	Jennifer Jones
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	What is DevOps and Why Should DBAs Care?	Kathi Kellenberger
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	Looking "Normal" and Seeing "Stars": Table Designs Working Together	Deborah Melkin
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	Azure Data Services and Data Estate Modernization	Nikki Conley
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	Moving Past Imposter Syndrome	Wendy Pastrick
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	Azure Data & SQL Server: What to Use When	Rie Irish
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	PowerShell for the DBA	Amy Herold
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	D.R.E.A.M (Data Rules Everything Around Me) - creating a data-driven business culture	Holly Rachel, Lena Winfree
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	The Submission of Power BI, albeit Kicking and Screaming	Sarah Whitworth
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	Streamline Database Deployments	Elizabeth Noble
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	User Experience Brilliance in Power BI Dashboards	Hilary Wilkie
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	Intro to Azure Data Factory	Olivia Albertson
SQL Saturday #933	Nashville	01-18-2020	SQL Server Database Security: Do Your Part, Be Security Smart!	Julie McLain-Harper
SQL Saturday #917	Vienna	01-24-2020	Continuous Intelligence... What's This All About?	Gabi Münster
SQL Saturday #917	Vienna	01-24-2020	Big Time - A Glance at Azure Time Series Insights	Sandra Geisler