June 2019 Newsletter

One of the many benefits of participating in the WIT group is a special discount for your registration to PASS Summit - the data conference to continue your learning and help future-proof your career. The Microsoft data community gathers during 3+ days of intensive educational sessions and amazing networking opportunities with global experts.

Save $150 USD. To receive your exclusive discount, enter code **VGDIS0TO9** when you register, and your discounted total will be calculated.

We hope to meet many of you at PASS Summit 2019. Each year we host a WIT Luncheon with an inspiring keynote speaker. We are in the planning stages at this point for the luncheon and other activities at Summit. We hope to see you there!

Each month we feature a blogger, and this month it is Data Platform MVP Angela Henry. Angela is a popular speaker, user group leader, SQL Saturday organizer, and a US Masters swimmer!

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

We would like to thank our 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.

SentryOne makes staying on top of the latest technology trends important to the SQL Server community easy by offering free webinars from Microsoft MVP's Kevin Kline, Aaron Bertrand, and other team members. Check out the upcoming topics and webinars on demand and ready to watch!

Adopting standardized processes in database development reduces risk and frees up development teams for innovation and value-adding work. In this blog post from Redgate, find out the four steps you can take to standardized database development in your team and lay the foundations for automation in the future. Read now

--Rie and Kathi

The Moment of Lift by Melinda Gates

Imagine that your family is one of the richest in the world, and you decide to give away billions of dollars to make the world a better place. The first problem is that billionaires don't typically know the best causes and organizations to support since it's not their expertise. That is one of the dilemmas that Melinda Gates, chairman of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the wife of Microsoft founder Bill Gates, describes in her new book "The Moment of Lift." Melinda is a data person, but she learned early on that listening to the people, especially women, is the best way to understand the problems facing families around the world and to come up with solutions that work. Measuring results and figuring out why some efforts fail are also crucial. The biggest lesson they learned was that by improving the lives of women and children entire communities benefit, too.

This book is full of "wow" moments. The one message that I found most profound is the belief by Melinda and Bill that they are no better or valuable than anyone else, even the poorest women in the furthest places of the world. Of course, they have worked hard, but they are also where they are because of circumstances of birth and opportunity.

Be sure to add this book to your reading list if you are looking to be inspired and to learn more about the lives of women from around the world. I'm sure this is one of those rare books that I'll read more than once.

--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.

@MelindaGates
Book review: Melinda Gates' 'The Moment of Lift' should be required reading for everyone
Melinda Gates On Marriage, Gender Equality & Solving Tough Problems

Webinar Schedule

Date	Session	Speaker
July 9, 2019	Introduction to Azure AI - The Art of the Possible Cloud Group	Melody Zacharias
July 9, 2019	Install & Configure SQL Server with PowerShell DSC	Jess Pomfret
July 16, 2019	Azure Analysis Services – an important step for BI in the cloud? Cloud Group	Gabi Münster
July 30, 2019	Data here, there and everywhere Cloud Group	Jessica Jolly
Aug 1, 2019	Designing for Azure Data Warehouse Performance Cloud Group	Beth Wolfset
Sept 18, 2019	SQL Graph Revealed	Mala Mahedevan
Oct 10, 2019	Introduction to Query Store DBA Fundamentals Group	Erin Stellato

SQL Saturdays

Event	Location	Date	Session Tile	Presenter
SQL Saturday #862	Cork	6-29-2019	Power BI KISS, make it beautiful	Mary Felty
SQL Saturday #862	Cork	6-29-2019	Database Continuous Integration and Delivery (CI/CD) using Visual Studio and DACFx for SQL Server	Angela Ross Innes
SQL Saturday #862	Cork	6-29-2019	Training a large-scale recommendation engine on SQL server 2019	Kaijisse Waaijer, Christopher Koerner
SQL Saturday #884 Pre-Con	Pensacola	6-28-2019	Zero to Dashboard	Angela Henry
SQL Saturday #884	Pensacola	6-29-2019	Giving Feedback: How to Effectively Communicate to your Employees	Christine Assaf
SQL Saturday #884	Pensacola	6-29-2019	How to Build Your Disaster Recovery Plan	Rie Irish
SQL Saturday #884	Pensacola	6-29-2019	Performance Tuning, Getting the Biggest Bang for Your Buck	Monica Rathbun
SQL Saturday #884	Pensacola	6-29-2019	Women in Tech: Thriving Not Just Surviving	Rie Irish
SQL Saturday #884	Pensacola	6-29-2019	Data Types Do Matter	Angela Henry
SQL Saturday #884	Pensacola	6-29-2019	Migrate Your Database(s) with Distributed AGs	Elizabeth Noble
SQL Saturday #890	Austin	7-13-2019	A Perfect Ten: The Data Model	Leslie Andrews
SQL Saturday #890	Austin	7-13-2019	Annoyed with a stubborn pivot table? PowerPivot is your answer	Toni Haag
SQL Saturday #890	Austin	7-13-2019	Make Database Documentation your Minion	Jennifer McCown
SQL Saturday #890	Austin	7-13-2019	Overcoming Challenges with Source Control and Continuous Integration	Elizabeth Noble
SQL Saturday #890	Austin	7-13-2019	PowerShell for the DBAPowerShell for the DBA	Amy Herold
SQL Saturday #890	Austin	7-13-2019	How do you Azure?	Tamera Clark
SQL Saturday #890	Austin	7-13-2019	The SQL Career Roadmap for Women (and Men)	Jennifer McCown
SQL Saturday #890	Austin	7-13-2019	The True Story of Learning Biml	Melissa Stein
SQL Saturday #855	Albany	7-20-2019	Overcoming Challenges with Source Control and Continuous Integration	Elizabeth Noble
SQL Saturday #855	Albany	7-20-2019	Looking "Normal" and Seeing "Stars": Table Designs Working Together	Deborah Melkin
SQL Saturday #855	Albany	7-20-2019	Top 10 FREE performance troubleshooting tools for SQL Server	Michelle Gutzait
SQL Saturday #855	Albany	7-20-2019	Azure Machine Learning 101	Kathi Kellenberger
SQL Saturday #855	Albany	7-20-2019	Designing Accessible Power BI Reports	Liz Amador

SQL Saturday #899	Birmingham	7-27-2019	User Experience Brilliance in Power BI Dashboards	Hilary Wilkie
SQL Saturday #899	Birmingham	7-27-2019	Leveraging Python in SQL Server	Julie Smith
SQL Saturday #899	Birmingham	7-27-2019	Mastering your Resume & Interview: Tips to Get Hired	Christine Assaf
PASS Summit Pre-Con	Seattle	11-4-2019	Introduction to Data Science	Natasha Balac
PASS Summit Pre-Con	Seattle	11-4-2019	AI and Power BI: The Realm of the Impossible	Leila Etaati
PASS Summit Pre-Con	Seattle	11-4-2019	Redgate SQL in the City Summit Seattle	Kendra Little; Steve Jones; Grant Fritchey; Ike Ellis; Arneh Eskandari
PASS Summit Pre-Con	Seattle	11-4-2019	Performance Tuning With Query Store in SQL Server	Erin Stellato
PASS Summit Pre-Con	Seattle	11-5-2019	How to Architect Successful Database Changes: Source Control and Release Patterns for Performance and Availability	Kendra Little
PASS Summit Pre-Con	Seattle	11-5-2019	SQL Server Performance Tuning and Optimization	Monica Rathbun