June 2020 Newsletter

You have likely seen the news that PASS Summit will be held virtually. Many folks are disappointed in the news, but it's probably the best decision. The PASS board, HQ, and volunteers will all work together to make this the best event possible under the circumstances. Microsoft has committed to the popular Azure Data Clinic and promises to make exciting product announcements at the keynote.

We are hoping that many people who have never attended PASS Summit in the past, especially due to travel costs, will take advantage of the virtual summit to participate for the first time.

Save $50 on your 2020 PASS Summit registration with discount code is **VGDIS0TO9**.

On July 14th, Gayle Sheppard, Corporate Vice President at Microsoft Azure Data, will be our guest. This is your chance to hear her story and ask questions.

Each month we feature a blogger, and this month it is Julie Koesmarno. Julie is a Senior Program Manager at Microsoft in the Data Platform Group. She is also a former SQL Server MVP, and frequently presents for user groups and community events.

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. Accelerating performance for data-driven business

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!

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Are you running a virtual event?

Redgate supports Data Platform user groups worldwide through our sponsorship program, and we're happy to support virtual events, especially until the community can come together in person again. If you're planning to host a virtual meetup, find out more about how Redgate can support you here: https://www.red-gate.com/hub/events/sponsorship

--Rie and Kathi

New Hobbies

When the pandemic hit the US, I heard about a young boy who invented a 3D printed "ear saver" for people who had to wear surgical masks for hours on end. Soon members of the SQL Server community were printing the ear savers or sewing masks to donate to healthcare workers and others in need.

I had purchased an entry-level 3D printer about a year ago but hadn't done much with it except printing out Pokémon characters when my grandchildren were visiting. When I heard about the ear savers, I decided to join the effort. (I've made and donated almost 5,000 so far)

Things did not go well at first because my printer bed was too small. I could only print the ear savers diagonally across the bed and just one at a time. I soon decided to buy a bigger printer, but I also found a smaller design that worked on the first printer.

Maybe I made the mistake of not doing enough research, but I felt like the second printer was way out of my league. Instead of 20 or so settings, there were thousands to consider. I also found myself frequently taking it apart to clear out clogs, probably due to user error on my part. I have been way out of my comfort zone with this printer, but I've also learned a lot. Troubleshooting these printers resembles a lot of what you go through debugging code or solving performance issues.

It is important to learn new things, and it's easier to be motivated when you have a goal in mind. Yes, some people right now are just trying to survive due to job losses, illnesses, and losing childcare arrangements, but if you have the time and resources, this might be a good time to try a new hobby.

One downside to hobbies is the amount of money that's involved. With 3D printing, you end up buying lots of filament, replacement parts, and sometimes multiple printers. Whether it's baking sourdough bread, remodeling a room or playing an instrument, hobbies can be good for your health and brain when you learn something new.

--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.

[This Boy Scout Invented an Ingenious Solution to One of the Biggest Problems with Masks](#)
[3D Printing Ear Savers](#) (by Tim Radney)
[7 Reasons Why Hobbies Are Good For Your Health](#)

Webinar Schedule

Group	Date	Session	Speaker
Women in Technology	07-14-2020	Interview with Microsoft Corporate Vice President, Gayle Sheppard	Gayle Sheppard
Women in Technology	07-28-2020	Get Started with Extended Events	Kathi Kellenberger
DBA Fundamentals	07-28-2020	Beyond the Basic SELECT	Deborah Melkin
DBA Fundamentals	08-04-2020	SQL Server to Azure SQL: Performance and Availablility	Anna Hoffman
Women in Technology	08-12-2020	Understanding Indexes for Writing Better Queries?	Janice Gerbrandt
DevOps	08-26-2020	Amazing Kellyn talks cats and Cloud	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman

Event Speakers

Event	Location	Date	Session Title	Presenter
Iowa User Group	Virtual	07-21-2020 Noon Central Time	SELECT Question, Answer FROM Diversity.Inclusion WHERE AfraidToAsk = 1	Andrea Mascher and Sara Mascher Wallace
SQL Saturday #990	Chimbote, Peru - Virtual	07-27-2020	El verdadero poder de Power BI como herramie Business Intelligence	Ana Maria Bisbé York
SQL Saturday #990	Chimbote, Peru - Virtual	07-27-2020	Escenarios de modelado en DAX, el súper lengu	Ana Maria Bisbé York
SQL Saturday #961	Albany, NY - Virtual	07-27-2020	Navigating Row Level Security	Erin Dempster
SQL Saturday #961	Albany, NY - Virtual	07-27-2020	A Practical Starer Guide to SQL Notebooks	Deborah Melkin
SQL Saturday #961	Albany, NY - Virtual	07-27-2020	10 DBA Tasks for Azure SQL: Whats Different from On-Prem	Rie Irish

SQL Saturday #961	Albany, NY - Virtual	07-27-2020	Case Study: How I used SharePoint, Power Automate, Power Apps, and Forms to build a Speaker Database	Sarah Patrick