March 2018 Newsletter

Many of you joined us for three webinars in March. If you missed any of them, you can view the recordings. Find those and our other webinars here. We are working to fill out the schedule for the rest of the year and on the hunt for the 2018 PASS Summit Luncheon keynote speaker.

If you have not yet registered for PASS Summit, be sure to use group's discount code, **VGDIS0TO9**, to save $150.

One of the main goals of this group is to help women in our community become speakers at events like SQLSaturday and PASS Summit. Being a frequent speaker has so many benefits to your career. Who knows, you may even become an MVP some day! As women, we are working hard every day; we have so much knowledge to share with the community. Please reach out to us (witvc@sqlpass.org) if you ever want to talk about how to get started as a speaker or technical writer.

Each month we feature an experienced blogger, and this month it is Kalen Delaney. Kalen is one of the most knowledgeable people in the SQL Server community.

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

Once again, 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.

--Rie and Kathi

Good Enough

An acquaintance of mine recently posted her disappointment on social media about her previous week. Several things had not gone as well as she had planned or imagined. She felt bad that everything had not turned out perfectly. As an outside observer, I see this lady accomplishing so much. I'm constantly impressed at the events and parties she organizes, her speaking engagements,

and her adventurous trips to many countries around the world. I sent some words of encouragement as had many of her friends.

We all make plans in our lives, be that for a weekend, the workday or a vacation trip. It's rare that those plans are carried out exactly to the letter. It's important to figure out what's most important and how to rearrange tasks to meet overall goals within the allotted time.

I have a plan for every day, be it written down or just in my head. A plan for a Saturday might be to take my grandchildren on a hike, or it might be filled with things like preparing materials for the class I teach, creating the WIT newsletter (meta!), and booking travel arrangements for upcoming SQL Saturdays. I often must make compromises as some things take longer than scheduled or I receive an unexpected call from a friend. I don't let those compromises bother me, because I know how to adjust and still meet my deadlines.

As women, we are often socialized to avoid failure at all costs, and to avoid taking risks. I've learned long ago that the things I do will never be perfect, and good enough is, well, sometimes good enough.

--Kathi

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.

Teach Girls Bravery, Not Perfection
Why Perfection is the Enemy of Good

Webinar Schedule

Date	Session	Speaker
Apr 10, 2018	DevOps 101 and the Database	Stephanie Herr
Apr 14, 2018	Lessons Learned from Building a Data Warehousing Solution (Saturday Night SQL group)	Sherry Li
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
May 19, 2018	Boost Your Analytics with Machine Learning for SQL Nerds	Julie Koesmarno

Jun 5, 2018	Not So Secret: Get to Know SQL Server Agent (DBA Fundamentals group)	Jes Borland
Jun 13, 2018	How Keys & Included Columns Work (Data Architecture group)	Kendra Little
Oct 16, 2018	SQL Server 2016 Features to Make DBA Lives Easier (DBA Fundamentals group)	Padma Achanta

SQL Saturdays

Event	Location	Date	Session Title	Presenter
SQL Saturday #724	Madison	4-7-2018	Azure SQL Database Performance Tuning	Jes Borland
SQL Saturday #724	Madison	4-7-2018	Excel and SSIS: Better Together	Diane Schuster
SQL Saturday #721	Raleigh	4-14-2018	Tips for Getting Started with the Azure Data Platform	Melissa Coates
SQL Saturday #721	Raleigh	4-14-2018	Monitoring with sp_WhoIsActive, PowerShell and PowerBI	Jana Sattainathan
SQL Saturday #721	Raleigh	4-14-2018	Query Store Primer	Tracy Baggiano
SQL Saturday #721	Raleigh	4-14-2018	Screw DevOps, Let's Talk DataOps	Kellyn Pot'Vin Gorman
SQL Saturday #740	Orange County	4-14-2018	Building a Dashboard in an Hour using PowerPivot & Power BI	Vazi Okhandiar
SQL Saturday #740	Orange County	4-14-2018	Making the Leap from Developer to DBA	Amy Herold
SQL Saturday #740	Orange County	4-14-2018	The Magic of SSISDB	Elaena Bakman

SQL Saturday #740	Orange County	4-14-2018	[Confidence: The fuel for action](#)	Melody Zacharias
SQL Saturday #740	Orange County	4-14-2018	[Let Her Finish: Supporting Women's Voices in Technology](#)	Rie Irish
SQL Saturday #740	Orange County	4-14-2018	[Mom Rules for Managing Enterprise Database Environments](#)	Marsha Pierce
SQL Saturday #740	Orange County	4-14-2018	[Well, actually... How to not be THAT guy in IT](#)	Rie Irish
SQL Saturday #703	Costa Rica	4-21-2018	[La Era de los Reportes Móviles](#)	Yanitza Campos