

April 2020 Newsletter

We hope that you and your families are staying safe. We are holding our virtual events as normal, so be sure to take advantage of them and the other webinars through PASS. Julie Koesmarno will talk about Azure Data Studio Notebooks. We will interview Gayle Sheppard, Corporate Vice President at Microsoft, in June, and Janice Gerbrandt will explain indexes in August. Watch for more webinar announcements soon.

Save \$150 on your 2020 PASS Summit registration with discount code is **VGDIS0T09**.

Each month we feature a blogger, and this month it is [Melissa Coates](#). Melissa is a consultant, technical trainer, and writer at Coates Data Strategies and a Microsoft Data Platform MVP.

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.



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To further support the Data Platform community during these uncertain times, Redgate has launched Community Circle. Available to all, Community Circle provides educational and training resources, alongside opportunities to connect with one another, and get support. Highlights include live, weekly Data Platform courses hosted by Microsoft Data Platform MVPs Kathi Kellenberger, Kendra Little, Steve Jones, and Grant Fritchey. [Visit Community Circle](#).

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--Rie and Kathi

New Hulu Series Hits Close to Home

As a teenager in the early 70s, I was trying to figure out my life like any other young girl does. All I knew during my middle and high school years was that I loved science and math and wanted to study these topics. Being the oldest of seven kids, I always joke that my parents were too busy to tell me that girls shouldn't like math or that I should think about marriage instead of my education. I did end up getting married and having a family (I'm a grandmother now!) but also completed my education and have had multiple professional careers over the years.

One influential figure during my teen years was the political activist Phyllis Schlafly from Alton, IL, not far from where I grew up. Schlafly mobilized groups of housewives from throughout the US to fight against the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). At the time, there was support from both sides of the aisle for the amendment, but her efforts stopped it in its tracks.

At the time, I don't think I realized that Phyllis lived just an hour away from my home, but I did hear about her. It was difficult for me to understand how someone who was educated and led a powerful organization could also promote the message that women should be dependent on men. I listened for about a minute and then moved on.

Just this month, Hulu started a new series called "Mrs. America" that tells her story and the other women involved on the other side of the feminist movement at the time like Shirley Chisholm. Shirley was the first black woman elected to the US congress and she ran for president in 1972. Another character in the series was also from Illinois, Betty Friedan. Betty is considered the mother of the women's movement due to her 1963 book "The Feminine Mystique."

I've been enjoying the series so far, and it's especially interesting to me since much of it happened right down the road from where I grew up.

--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.

[4 Things You Should Know about Mrs. America, Hulu's Series on Phyllis Schlafly](#)
[Shirley Chisholm Biography](#)
[ERA History](#)

Webinar Schedule

| Group | Date | Session | Speaker |
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| Women in Technology | 05-06-2020 | Notebooks 101 with Azure Data Studio | Julie Koesmarno |
| DBA Fundamentals | 05-19-2020 | Replacing Profiler with Extended Events | Erin Stellato |
| Database Administration | 05-27-2020 | Plan Stability through Plan Forcing with Query Store | Erin Stellato |

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| Women in Technology | 06-04-2020 | <u>Interview with Microsoft Corporate Vice President, Gayle Sheppard</u> | Gayle Sheppard |
| Women in Technology | 08-12-2020 | <u>Understanding Indexes for Writing Better Queries?</u> | Janice Gerbrandt |