

December 2018 Newsletter

Every year after PASS Summit, it's interesting to look at how many women who applied to present were selected. We are encouraged because the percentage of women speakers is slightly higher than last year as is the percent of women who applied. Here are the results compared to last year where we have the same information available:

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A few years ago, it was rare to see women on the stage at the keynotes. This year, several of the people demonstrating new features at the keynotes were women. We are making progress, but there is still room to grow.

Each month we feature a blogger, and this month it is [Tracy Boggiano](#). Tracy is a prolific blogger and speaker and a user group leader.

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

SentryOne™

Kick off the new year by getting up to speed on the top 4 data technology trends that every DBA should know in 2019. Join Kevin Kline, Chrissy LaMaire, David Klee, and Mark Allison on January 9th for this free webinar. Register [here](#).

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Do you love Redgate tools? Passionate about helping the Microsoft Data Platform community? Then you should check out the [2019 Friends of Redgate Program](#). We're looking for Redgate users who are active in the community to work with us to support fellow data professionals. [Find out more](#) and submit your application before 14 January 2019.

--Rie and Kathi

New Year Resolutions

The first couple of weeks in January are the busiest for most gyms as many people decide that the new year is the perfect time to get in shape. There is something about a new year that feels like a

great chance to make new healthy habits, to create and follow a budget, or to set some other lofty goal.

I've had a different tactic each year. Instead of setting the typical goals, I have decided on a theme for each coming year. One year was a year of fitness. Another year was a year of music. I've had a few years of fun including 2018. I've decided that 2019 will be a year of purging as I discard or donate the clutter in my closet, office, and life.

Yes, the new year is a great time to take stock of one's life and think about how to make it better. Whether you have a theme like I do or set a series of goals, I think it's a worthy endeavor.

Happy New Year to all our members!

--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.

[Don't blow your New Year's resolutions: Use these apps to help in 2019](#)

[Top 10 Healthiest New Year's Resolution](#)

[4 Tips for Setting Powerful Goals](#)

Webinar Schedule

Date	Session	Speaker
Dec 27, 2018	Introduction to Azure Search	Julie Smith
Jan 3, 2019	Get Inspired: Celebrate the Careers of Three DevOps Heroes Sponsored by Redgate Software	Kendra Little
Jan 8, 2019	Plan Stability Through Plan Forcing DBA Fundamentals Group	Erin Stellato
Feb 12, 2019	Winning the Head Game in 2019	Bobbi Jo Brighton
Mar 5, 2019	Stored Procedure Optimization Techniques DBA Fundamentals Group	Kimberly Tripp

SQL Saturdays

Event	Location	Date	Session Title	Presenter
SQL Saturday #815	Nashville	1-12-2019	Learn History from Temporal Tables	Ameena Lalani
SQL Saturday #815	Nashville	1-12-2019	Taming of the Shrew - Optimizing Power BI	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
SQL Saturday #815	Nashville	1-12-2019	How to Get SQL Server to Run Better on Crappy Hardware	Monica Rathbun
SQL Saturday #815	Nashville	1-12-2019	Data Collection and Usage: Illegal or Unethical?	Angela Tidwell
SQL Saturday #815	Nashville	1-12-2019	PowerShell for the DBA	Amy Herold
SQL Saturday #815	Nashville	1-12-2019	Migrations 101	Gilda Alvarez
SQL Saturday #815	Nashville	1-12-2019	Introduction to PowerApps	Christina Wheeler
SQL Saturday #815	Nashville	1-12-2019	Is My Application Bias Showing?	Rie Irish
SQL Saturday #815	Nashville	1-12-2019	Data Collection and Usage: Illegal or Unethical?	Angela Tidwell
SQL Saturday #815	Nashville	1-12-2019	Using distributed AGs for your migrations	Elizabeth Noble
SQL Saturday #815	Nashville	1-12-2019	Throw a Brick at Your Data: Intro to Azure Databricks	Hope Foley
SQL Saturday #815	Nashville	1-12-2019	Profiling Your Data	Angela Henry
SQL Saturday #815	Nashville	1-12-2019	Mom Rules for Managing Enterprise Database Environments	Marsha Pierce
SQL Saturday #810 Pre-Con	Linz	1-17-2019	Modern Data Warehouse	Gabi Münster Tillmann Eitelberg Oliver Engels
SQL Saturday #810	Linz	1-18-2019	Lightning Talk	Ana Maria Bisbé York Markus Ehrenmueller-Jensen Matija Lah Gianluca Sartori Oliver Engels Roman Lansky
SQL Saturday #810	Linz	1-18-2019	FROM DATA LAKE TO DAX QUERY	Gabi Münster Tillmann Eitelberg Oliver Engels

