

January 2018 Newsletter

The year is off to a great start as we plan our sessions for each month. In March, we will host at least three webinars to celebrate Women's History Month. Kalen Delaney will present [Are You Optimistic About Concurrency?](#) on March 21, and 2017 WIT Luncheon keynote speaker, Heather Ritchie, will present [Make Your Presentations Tell a Story](#) on March 27. Join us on February 21st for [Deadlock, Block & Two Smoking Barrels: Breaking Down Blocking and Deadlocks](#) with Amy Herold.

Both of us were recently featured in the [MVP blog](#) where we talked about the importance of networking for women. We were joined by four other Microsoft MVPs, including two Data Platform MVPs, [Melody Zacharias](#) and [Mia Chang](#)! Go Data Platform!

We'd like to remind everyone that our [new blogging site](#) is live. This is perfect place for you to try out blogging for yourself without making the commitment to host a blog yourself. Please contact witvc@pass.org to get started.

Each month, we will feature an experienced blogger, and this month it is [Cathrine Wilhelmsen](#). Thank you Cathrine for all you do for our community!

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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.

Redgate is hosting another [SQL in the City February 28th](#). Details will be available soon.

SentryOne would like to remind everyone that they are sponsoring [Tech Outbound 2018](#) and [SQLBits 2018](#).

--Rie and Kathi

What's an MVP?

Rie and I are both Microsoft MVPs. For those of you who are not sure what that means, it's essentially an annual award that Microsoft gives to community members who share their knowledge of Microsoft products. It's actually quite an honor, and only about 4,000 people around the world are MVPs at any given time. Microsoft considers several types of community activities when making the award and some of these are answering questions on forums, contributing to open source projects, writing blogs, articles, and books, and speaking at conferences. The number of activities and how

much time you need to spend is not really known outside of Microsoft, but I like to think of it as a non-paid part time job. It's quite a commitment.

There are so many benefits to recipients of the award, that it's been overwhelming to me. One of the best is the annual MVP Summit at Microsoft's headquarters in Redmond, WA. At the summit, Microsoft treats the MVPs like royalty and the MVPs get to meet the people who create the products and services such as SQL Server and Azure. Throughout the year, MVPs can participate in webinars with the product teams to understand new features and what's in store.

I first heard about the MVP program back in 2004 at a session at PASS Summit. I was really inspired, and decided that I, too, would be an MVP someday. I wrote my very first article just a couple of months later. It wasn't long before I was getting involved in book projects and speaking. In 2008, I was awarded the MVP. The best part of this is realizing that I have helped many people learn about SQL Server and advance their careers. I don't do these things to get the award, but because I love doing them. The award is a wonderful bonus.

Do you aspire to get more involved in the Data Platform community? Contact us at witvc@pass.org to learn more about speaking and blogging.

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.

[Microsoft MVP Program](#)

[How Can I Become a Microsoft MVP?](#)

[Q&A: MVP Rie Irish Talks to Us About Highlighting Female Voices in Tech](#)

Webinar Schedule

Date	Session	Speaker
Feb 6, 2018	Migrating to In-Memory OLTP (DBA Fundamentals group)	Erin Stellato
Feb 21, 2018	Deadlock, Block & Two Smoking Barrels: Breaking Down Blocking and Deadlocks	Amy Herold
Mar 14, 2018	Optimizing Stored Procedures (Data Architecture group)	Kimberly Tripp
Mar 21, 2018	Are You Optimistic About Concurrency?	Kalen Delaney
Mar 27, 2018	Make Your Presentations Tell a Story	Heather Ritchie
Apr 10, 2018	DevOps 101 and the Database	Stephanie Herr
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
June 5, 2018	Not So Secret: Get to Know SQL Server Agent (DBA Fundamentals group)	Jess Borland
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 #708	Cleveland	2-3-2018	What is Power BI?	Angela Henry
SQL Saturday #708	Cleveland	2-3-2018	H*ckin Sweet Reports with Power BI	Julie Smith
SQL Saturday #708	Cleveland	2-3-2018	Intro to Integration Services (SSIS)	Angela Henry
SQL Saturday #708	Cleveland	2-3-2018	Essential Linux for the SQL Server DBA	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
SQL Saturday #708	Cleveland	2-3-2018	Query Store and Automatic Tuning in SQL Server 2017 and Azure SQL DB	Erin Stellato
SQL Saturday #708	Cleveland	2-3-2018	Navigating the Options for Data Redundancy	Wendy Pastrick
SQL Saturday #708	Cleveland	2-3-2018	Parameters in SQL Server - Query Performance Makers or Breakers	Mindy Curnutt
SQL Saturday #708	Cleveland	2-3-2018	PaaS Your BISM: Intro to Azure Analysis Services	Hope Foley
SQL Saturday #708	Cleveland	2-3-2018	You're Stuck with Crappy Hardware, Now What?	Monica Rathbun
SQL Saturday #708	Cleveland	2-3-2018	Tips on Managing Lots of SQL Servers	Tracy Boggiano
SQL Saturday #695	Guatemala	2-3-2018	Introducción a Reporting Services 2017	Yanitza Campos
SQL Saturday #695	Guatemala	2-3-2018	La era de los Reportes Móviles	Yanitza Campos

SQL Saturday #696	Redmond	2-10-2018	HiHo! HiHo! SQL Server on Linux, We Go!	Janis Griffin
SQL Saturday #696	Redmond	2-10-2018	A Look Inside SQL Server Distribution Statistics	Kalen Delaney
SQL Saturday #696	Redmond	2-10-2018	Oracle vs. SQL Server- The War of the Indices	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
SQL Saturday #696	Redmond	2-10-2018	Enjoy Your Power Responsibly; Governance for PowerBI & O365	Yana Berkovich
SQL Saturday #709	Wellington	2-17-2018	SQL Server 2017 with Python & R: On-premises Machine Learning	Leila Etaati
SQL Saturday #709	Wellington	2-17-2018	Using SQL as the basis for analysis in Python - Walking through an example on Kiwisaver in NZ	Emma Vitz
SQL Saturday #709	Wellington	2-17-2018	Growing your career as a woman in STEM	Michelle Burke
SQL Saturday #709	Wellington	2-17-2018	GDPR - What is it? Why should I care?	Julie Woolner
SQL Saturday #709	Wellington	2-17-2018	Real-Time Data Processing - How do I choose the Right Solution	Anupama Natarajan
SQL Saturday #709	Wellington	2-17-2018	Power BI Report Server Demystified	Indira Bandari

