

## July 2020 Newsletter

This month, we want to thank Rie Irish for her leadership of this group for the past five years. She is stepping down as leader of the PASS Women in Technology Group but will continue to empower women in IT in her role at Microsoft.

Michelle Haarhues has been assisting the group behind the scenes for years, and now she will assume the co-leader position. Congratulations to Michelle!

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 **VGDIS0T09**.

Each month we feature a blogger, and this month it [Alice Drummond](#). Alice is the Co-Founder of DiscoverEI and an Environmental Analyst. She is also 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](mailto:wit@pass.org).

Correction: Last month, Julie Koesmarno's title at Microsoft was incorrectly stated. Julie is a Principal Program Manager at Microsoft.

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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*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>*

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--Michelle and Kathi

## Taking Time Off

Working from home instead of an office is new to many. It's a big change. There are no commutes or time spent chatting with coworkers. It's possible that there are more meetings – now held with Zoom, Teams, or GoToMeeting -- or maybe there are fewer meetings. There's quite a bit of advice on how to make it better, such as having a dedicated space for working and to remember to get outside once in a while.

When working from home, it's easy for the boundaries between work and personal life to dissolve. Time goes quickly when focused on coding or an issue. It's not unusual to sit for hours at a computer, often many more than originally intended.

Another big difference this year is cancelled vacation trips. I see a handful of my friends on Facebook still taking trips, but mostly plans are quashed. Even though many are not taking trips, there are vacation days to use. In my own case, I had been taking a few Fridays off. At one point, I realized that between my job, writing a book, teaching a remote class, and work on the virtual group, I was getting burned out. I was lucky enough to take a cruise in January but hadn't had real time off since then. So, I decided to take a week off and started to create a list of non-work things to accomplish including lots of bike rides and reading.

Working during the pandemic might be easier in some ways but harder in others. Just don't forget to take care of yourself!

--Kathi

## Great Links

We are always looking for input from our members. Please drop us a line at [wit@pass.org](mailto: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.

[How to work from home without losing your sanity](#)

[Self-care tips during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

## Webinar Schedule

Group	Date	Session	Speaker
Global Chinese	07-26-2020	<a href="#">How to negotiate a higher salary during the pandemic</a>	Nancy Li
Women in Technology	07-28-2020	<a href="#">Get Started with Extended Events</a>	Kathi Kellenberger
DBA Fundamentals	07-28-2020	<a href="#">Beyond the Basic SELECT</a>	Deborah Melkin
Global Hebrew	08-02-2020	<a href="#">Data Univariate Forecast Engine</a>	Yasmin Bokobza
DBA Fundamentals	08-04-2020	<a href="#">SQL Server to Azure SQL: Performance and Availability</a>	Anna Hoffman
Women in Technology	08-12-2020	<a href="#">Understanding Indexes for Writing Better Queries?</a>	Janice Gerbrandt
DevOps	08-26-2020	<a href="#">Amazing Kellyn talks cats and Cloud</a>	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
DBA Fundamentals	09-22-2020	<a href="#">Stored Procedure Optimization Techniques</a>	Kimberly Tripp
Women in Technology	10-08-2020	<a href="#">Azure Data Engineering 101</a>	Leslie Andrews

## Event Speakers

Event	Location	Date	Session Title	Presenter
SQL Saturday #991	Iowa City - Virtual	08-01-2020	<a href="#">SQL Server 2019 - Intelligent Query Performance features</a>	Ameena Lalani
SQL Saturday #991	Iowa City - Virtual	08-01-2020	<a href="#">Intro to Query Store</a>	Tracy Boggiano
SQL Saturday #991	Iowa City - Virtual	08-01-2020	<a href="#">Introduction to Extended Events</a>	Kathi Kellenberger
SQL Saturday #991	Iowa City - Virtual	08-01-2020	<a href="#">Sarah the Explorer: Navigating and Customizing the SharePoint Interface</a>	Sarah Patrick
SQL Saturday #991	Iowa City - Virtual	08-01-2020	<a href="#">Mental Health and Wellness in IT: Safeguarding our most precious resource</a>	Tracy Boggiano
SQL Saturday #991	Iowa City - Virtual	08-01-2020	<a href="#">Navigating Row Level Security</a>	Erin Dempster
SQL Saturday #982	Auckland - Virtual	08-08-2020	<a href="#">Step by step - Building (a Real Use Case for the) Power Platform Solution</a>	Belinda Allen
SQL Saturday #982	Auckland - Virtual	08-08-2020	<a href="#">Beginning Source Control to BI world!</a>	Heidi Hasting
SQL Saturday #982	Auckland - Virtual	08-08-2020	<a href="#">Intro to Azure Data Catalog</a>	Angela Henry
SQL Saturday #982	Auckland - Virtual	08-08-2020	<a href="#">Anomaly Detection and Entity Extraction from Text in Power BI</a>	Leila Etaati
SQL Saturday #971	Oslo - Virtual	08-29-2020	<a href="#">Life Hacks: dbatools edition</a>	Jess Pomfret
SQL Saturday #971	Oslo - Virtual	08-29-2020	<a href="#">Power Automate Your BI</a>	Ida Bergum

SQL Saturday #971	Oslo - Virtual	08-29-2020	Data is all around - so how do you control it?	Marthe Moengen
SQL Saturday #971	Oslo - Virtual	08-29-2020	<u>Many databases per instance and a lot of performance problems</u>	Margarita Naumova