

## March 2020 Newsletter

The world is a different place compared to just a few weeks ago. Life has turned upside down as we shelter in place, postpone our plans, care for our loved ones, and work from home if possible.

As database professionals, many of us have the infrastructure to work remotely, but many others are scrambling to get that in place or don't have that option at all. One of the best things about our community is that we already connect virtually through social media, virtual events, and webinars when we are not together in person.

Together, from a distance, we can get through this.

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

Each month we feature a blogger, and this month it is [Debra Melkin](#). Debra is the 2019 PASS Summit Speaker Idol winner, a board member of the New England SQL User Group, and an Idera ACE.

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).

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 makes staying on top of the latest technology trends important to the SQL Server community easy by offering free webinars from Microsoft MVP's Kevin Kline, Aaron Bertrand, and other team members. [Check out](#) the upcoming topics and webinars on demand and ready to watch!

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### [Register for Redgate Streamed](#)

From April 1 – 3, Redgate will be running Redgate Streamed, a free virtual conference bringing together world-class industry speakers, educational content, and opportunities to network with your peers.

Redgate are donating \$1 to the World Health Organisation's COVID-19 response fund on behalf of everyone who registers, so even if you can't join live, be sure to register, and you'll receive the recordings to watch afterwards. [Sign up now](#).

Click [here](#) to learn how Redgate can support your user group!

--Rie and Kathi

## Time Magazine Honors a Century of Women

I was pleasantly surprised to see the March 16/March 23 edition of Time Magazine. This special issue features a woman, or sometimes a group of women, for each of the past 100 years. In the pages, you will find the stories of scientists, entertainers, politicians, activists, athletes, authors, world leaders, entrepreneurs, tech pioneers, and more women who have impacted the world.

I'm glad that these stories are finally getting told. Some are household names, but others were left out of history. One name in particular, [Rosalind Franklin](#), stood out for me. She was responsible for the X-Ray image that showed the structure of DNA. As we all know, James Watson, Francis Crick, and Maurice Wilkins took full credit for the discovery, winning a Nobel Prize for it in 1962. Her work is the foundation of so much we take for granted today.

I hope you get a chance to check out the magazine to learn more about these amazing women!

--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.

[Salary Survey Extra: Deep Focus on Women](#)  
[10 Incredible Women Forgotten By History](#)  
[Time 100 Women of the Year](#)

## Webinar Schedule

Group	Date	Session	Speaker
Women in Technology	03-25-2020	<a href="#">The Evolution of Database Development and Administration</a>	Kendra Little
Performance Virtual Group	04-16-2020	SQL Server Performance Investigation & Monitoring	Smitha Reddy
Women in Technology	04-16-2020	Using Power Apps in Power BI Reports: Enabling Writeback	Shabnam Watson
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
Women in Technology	06-04-2020	<a href="#">Interview with Microsoft Corporate Vice President, Gayle Sheppard</a>	Gayle Sheppard

**Women in Technology**

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[Understanding Indexes for Writing Better Queries?](#)

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