

## May 2018 Newsletter

The year is going quickly, and our schedules fill up quickly. Don't forget to take some time to view our webinars (or [videos](#) if you miss the live broadcasts). We feature sessions covering all areas of the Microsoft Data Platform. If you are interested in speaking for our group, let us know at [witvc@sqlpass.org](mailto:witvc@sqlpass.org).

If you have not yet registered for PASS Summit, be sure to use our group's discount code, **VGDISOTO9**, to save \$150.

One of the main goals of this group is to help women in our community become speakers at events like SQLSaturday and PASS Summit. Being a frequent speaker has so many benefits to your career. Who knows, you may even become an MVP some day! As women, we are working hard every day; we have so much knowledge to share with the community. Please reach out to us ([witvc@sqlpass.org](mailto:witvc@sqlpass.org)) if you ever want to talk about how to get started as a speaker or technical writer.

Each month we feature a blogger, and this month it is [Janice Gerbrandt](#). Janice began her blog earlier this month. Congratulations, Janice!

Interested in starting your own blog? We can help get you started. Just send us a note at [witvc@sqlpass.org](mailto:witvc@sqlpass.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.



Join Grant Fritchey ([@GFritchey](#)), Steve Jones ([@wayOutwest](#)), and Kathi Kellenberger ([@aunkathi](#)) for Redgate's [SQL in the City Streamed](#) on June 20<sup>th</sup>.



[SentryOne is hosting Rapid Analysis of Wait Statistics with SentryOne](#) by Andy Yun and Andy Mallon.

--Rie and Kathi

## FAQ for New Speakers

One of the goals of our group is to promote sessions presented by women, be that well-known seasoned speakers or new speakers just getting started. Presenting at technical events can advance your career by helping you build your brand, gain recognition, and lead to opportunities. To help those women new to presenting, Rie and I are always happy to provide some advice or review an abstract. When talking with these women, I hear some of the same questions over and over, so I decided to provide some answers for those of you who haven't reached out just yet.

### 1. Where can I present?

Check PASS.org to see if there is a user group in your area. A user group is the best place to start, and they sometimes have "lightening talk" nights or other efforts to recruit new local speakers. If a user group is not available, find out if you can present to your team or another group in your workplace.

PASS also has numerous virtual groups (like the WIT group!) who are always looking for new speakers. Presenting virtually has a different dynamic than in person, but some people find it easier.

SQL Saturdays ([www.sqlsaturday.com](http://www.sqlsaturday.com)) or other local events are also great ways to start.

### 2. I really want to speak at PASS Summit, can I apply without speaking experience?

PASS Summit is looking for experienced speakers, so you should have completed several speaking engagements before submitting there. There is no minimum number of years or events, but, hopefully, you are feeling confident about your session before submitting and have presented a few times before.

### 3. I really want to present, but I don't think I have any expertise or anything important to say. What can I do?

No matter which of the many areas of the data platform that you work in, you solve problems on a daily basis. The knowledge you have gained is priceless, and there are many people attending these events who can learn from you. If you're not sure about a topic, just keep a document listing ideas as they come up. One note of caution: check with your manager to make sure that your topic does not violate any company policies about confidential information.

### 4. What if someone asks a question that I don't know?

It happens to everyone. Don't panic. Offer to follow up with the person asking the question.

### 5. Any advice with PowerPoint?

We have a [PowerPoint session](#), but my advice is that "less is more". Short bullet points are almost always better than paragraphs, and pictures are usually better than words.

### 6. What about rehearsing?

Rehearsing will help you become more confident with the material and find the places that it doesn't flow well. You can recruit someone to watch or record the presentation. Even in a rehearsal, try to keep going from start to finish.

### 7. Any other advice?

Join [Toasmasters International](#). I've listened to comedians and watched TED Talks to develop a relaxed style, so I recommend those, too!

## Great Links

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

[5 Easy Ways to Become a Better Public Speaker -- Fast](#)  
[7 Advanced Presentation Tips to Become a Great Public Speakers](#)  
[TED Ideas Worth Spreading](#)

## Webinar Schedule

Date	Session	Speaker
Jun 5, 2018	<a href="#">Not So Secret: Get to Know SQL Server Agent</a> (DBA Fundamentals group)	Jes Borland
Jun 6, 2018	<a href="#">To Compress or Decompress – That is this session</a> Sponsored by SentryOne	Melissa Connors
Jun 13, 2018	<a href="#">How Keys &amp; Included Columns Work</a> (Data Architecture group)	Kendra Little
Jun 20, 2018	<a href="#">Becoming the Most Valuable Player: Soft Skills for the Hard Market</a>	Angela Tidwell
Jul 18, 2018	<a href="#">Intro to Query Store</a>	Tracy Boggiano
Aug 14, 2018	<a href="#">Women's Mental Toughness in the Tech Industry</a>	Bobbi-Jo Brighton
Aug 21, 2018	<a href="#">Beginning Admin: The Care and Feeding of SQL Server</a> DBA Fundamentals	Jen McCown

## SQL Saturdays

Event	Location	Date	Session Title	Presenter
SQL Saturday #713	Brisbane	6-2-2018	<a href="#">Implementing Python in SQL Server 2017</a>	Ginger Grant

<b>SQL Saturday #711</b>	Plovdiv	6-2-2018	<a href="#">Query tuning when indexes cannot help</a>	Margarita Naumova
<b>SQL Saturday #711</b>	Plovdiv	6-2-2018	<a href="#">SQL Server on Linux – from 0 to 100 in 1 hour!</a>	Rozalina Zaharieva
<b>SQL Saturday #758</b>	Montreal	6-2-2018	<a href="#">Power BI : Un tour complet de la solution</a>	Sophie Marchand
<b>SQL Saturday #758</b>	Montreal	6-2-2018	<a href="#">Screw DevOps, Let's Talk DataOps</a>	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
<b>SQL Saturday #743</b>	Pensacola	6-2-2018	<a href="#">SQL Server Analysis Services for SQL Server DBAs</a>	Shabnam Watson
<b>SQL Saturday #743</b>	Pensacola	6-2-2018	<a href="#">Source control, now. Peace through database lifecycle management.</a>	Elizabeth Noble
<b>SQL Saturday #743</b>	Pensacola	6-2-2018	<a href="#">You're Stuck with Crappy Hardware, Now What?</a>	Monica Rathbun
<b>SQL Saturday #743</b>	Pensacola	6-2-2018	<a href="#">Beginning Admin: The Care and Feeding of SQL Server</a>	Jennifer McCown
<b>SQL Saturday #743</b>	Pensacola	6-2-2018	<a href="#">Need For Speed? Top Five SQL Server Query Tuning Tips</a>	Janis Griffin
<b>SQL Saturday #743</b>	Pensacola	6-2-2018	<a href="#">Always Encrypted for Beginners</a>	Monica Rathbun
<b>SQL Saturday #743</b>	Pensacola	6-2-2018	<a href="#">Becoming the MVP: Soft Skills for the Hard Market</a>	Angela Tidwell
<b>SQL Saturday #743</b>	Pensacola	6-2-2018	<a href="#">Introduction to Business Intelligence</a>	Kerry Tyler, Tamera Clark
<b>SQL Saturday #727</b>	Mexico	6-2-2018	<a href="#">Data Governance and Self-Service BI</a>	Yanitza Campos
<b>SQL Saturday #727</b>	Mexico	6-2-2018	<a href="#">Data modeling with PowerPivot for PowerBI</a>	Samantha Villarreal Torres
<b>SQL Saturday #727</b>	Mexico	6-2-2018	<a href="#">Como Implementar Power BI desde 0 en tu empresa</a>	Yanitza Campos Sara Mena
<b>SQL Saturday #758</b>	Montreal	6-2-2018	<a href="#">Power BI : Un tour complet de la solution</a>	Sophie Marchand

<b>SQL Saturday #758</b>	Montreal	6-2-2018	<a href="#">Screw DevOps, Let's Talk DataOps</a>	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
<b>SQL Saturday #760</b>	Rheinland	6-9-2018	<a href="#">WIT - Wie kann ich euch erreichen?</a>	Gabi Münster
<b>SQL Saturday #760</b>	Rheinland	6-9-2018	<a href="#">Wird SSAS Tabular erwachsen?</a>	Gabi Münster
<b>SQL Saturday #747</b>	Timisoara	6-9-2018	<a href="#">SQL in GDPR Context</a>	Alexandra Ciortea
<b>SQL Saturday #742</b>	Cork	6-9-2018	<a href="#">Chronicles of Power BI</a>	Mary Fealty
<b>SQL Saturday #742</b>	Cork	6-9-2018	<a href="#">Data Storytelling for Business Intelligence with SQL Server 2017</a>	Jen Stirrup
<b>SQL Saturday #742</b>	Cork	6-9-2018	<a href="#">R for Reporting</a>	Stephanie Locke
<b>SQL Saturday #773</b>	Los Angeles	6-9-2018	<a href="#">Collecting Performance Metrics</a>	Tracy Boggiano
<b>SQL Saturday #773</b>	Los Angeles	6-9-2018	<a href="#">Azure VMs + Log Shipping + SSIS = Bargain Basement DR Solution (How To)</a>	Mindy Curnutt
<b>SQL Saturday #773</b>	Los Angeles	6-9-2018	<a href="#">Power BI For Master Data Management</a>	Swagatika Sarangi
<b>SQL Saturday #773</b>	Los Angeles	6-9-2018	<a href="#">The Magic of SSISDB</a>	Elaena Bakman
<b>SQL Saturday #773</b>	Los Angeles	6-9-2018	<a href="#">Women in Technology</a>	Amy Herold, Mindy Curnutt, Swagatika Sarangi, Amie Mason, Tracy Boggiano
<b>SQL Saturday #773</b>	Los Angeles	6-9-2018	<a href="#">How To Talk To Your Storage Admin</a>	Marsha Pierce
<b>SQL Saturday #773</b>	Los Angeles	6-9-2018	<a href="#">My Journey to AWS</a>	Elaena Bakman, Nathaniel Payumo

<b>SQL Saturday #773</b>	Los Angeles	6-9-2018	<a href="#">Azure Intelligent Services</a>	Amie Mason
<b>SQL Saturday #773</b>	Los Angeles	6-9-2018	<a href="#">Hi, my name is Powershell, let's be friends! An Intro to PoSH</a>	Amy Herold
<b>SQL Saturday #755</b>	South Florida	6-9-2018	<a href="#">Improve Your Knowledge of the Optimizer and Statistics!</a>	Julie McLain-Harper
<b>SQL Saturday #755</b>	South Florida	6-9-2018	<a href="#">The building blocks of Azure Databricks</a>	Diana Betancourt
<b>SQL Saturday #755</b>	South Florida	6-9-2018	<a href="#">Brand yourself like a pro 2.0 "How to tell the story"</a>	Patricia Monica Ojeda
<b>SQL Saturday #755</b>	South Florida	6-9-2018	<a href="#">So You think You can Speak?</a>	Diana Betancourt