



March 2021 Newsletter

Our first day-long event was a huge success. Be sure to view the [recordings](#) if you missed any of the sessions.

Since the event went so well, we have decided to switch quarterly day-long events instead of monthly webinars. This will give more members a chance to present each year and provide more flexibility for the organizers.

Save the date! Our next event is May 7th and the theme is Mental Health and Wellness and coping in the time of Covid-19. The [Call for Speakers](#) is open now. We are looking for 60 minute sessions and 10 minute lightening talks. We are also looking for individuals to be part of a panel. You'll see more details about the schedule next month.

Join us this Thursday for our first networking event! Please sign up on [meetup](#). We will be using the Zoom meeting platform, so please do not share the Zoom link on Twitter or other social media to prevent bots and "bad guys" from joining the meeting.

Each month, we feature a blogger, and this month it is [Annette Allen](#). Annette is a Data Platform MVP and has worked with SQL Server since 2000.

Please reach out by sending a message to dataplatfromwit@gmail.com if you have a blog or speaking event you would like us to feature in the newsletter.

Want to keep up with the group? You can also find us on Twitter [@data_wit](#), [Facebook](#), [meetup](#), [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#), and our [site](#).

--Mala and Kathi

What is Hope?

My niece posted a link to a [podcast](#) featuring her husband about hope (the interview starts at 9 minutes). Of course, I had to listen, but I didn't realize what I would learn.

A common greeting is "I hope you are having a good day." In the Podcast, Michael says that hope is not such a passive thing. You can't control the health or feelings of anyone else.

He says that hope must be connected to action. You can't just wish for something, like a career change, to happen, for example. Hope involves figuring out what you need to do, coming up with a plan, and asking for help from the right resources. There's no magic involved.

He recommends a book [Making Hope Happen](#) which shows how hopeful people are the most successful and resilient. It's having the ability to keep going after adversity and setbacks, and it's more important than ever.

--Kathi

Upcoming Webinars

Group/Event	Date	Session	Presenter
Triangle SQL Server User Group	2021-03-16	Surviving the work from home burnout	Gilda Alvarez
Hampton Roads SQL Server User Group	2021-03-17	Decoding Statistics in SQL Server	Deepthi Goguri
LA Data Platform	2021-03-17	Spark and Databricks in Azure Synapse	Ginger Grant
Dublin Power BI User Group	2021-03-23	What Is Inclusive Report Design and Why Should You Care?	Meagan Longoria and Ashley Graham-Brown
South Florida Power BI	2021-03-23	What You Need to Know to Administer Power BI	Melissa Coates
Women in Technology Summit 2021	2021-03-24	Life Cycle of a Query in SQL Server	Deepthi Goguri
Power BI Women	2021-03-24	Process Mining in Power BI	Karen Golden Jenny Keane
SPOTCon Conference	2021-03-26	Understanding the Statistics in SQL Server	Deepthi Goguri
Haiti Data Saturday	2021-03-27	T-SQL Window Functions	Kathi Kellenberger
Haiti Data Saturday	2021-03-27	SQL Server Configuration with dbatools and dbchecks	Tracy Boggiano

Haiti Data Saturday	2021-03-27	Learn Azure SQL Databases through Demos	Anna Hoffman
Cloud Data Driven	2021-04-01	Method Behind the Magic of Indexes in SQL Server	Deepthi Goguri
Database Professionals Virtual Meetup Group	2021-04-14	Which Azure SQL Database Options Should I Choose?	Jes Borland
Dublin Power BI User Group	2021-04-20	Double Session! The Untruthful Art & Azure Synapse Analytics	Heini Ilmarinen
SQL Server User Group Croatia	2021-05-12	Method behind the magic of Indexes in SQL Server	Deepthi Goguri
Cloud Data Driven	2021-05-13	Beyond the Basic SELECT	Deborah Melkin
DBA Fundamentals	2021-05-25	Azure SQL Database for DBAs	Ameena Lalani
Cloud Data Driven	2021-06-17	Recipe for Modern Applications: Functions, SQL, Geospatial, JSON	Anna Hoffman
Cloud Data Driven	2021-08-05	Power BI and Dashboards 101	Sharon Weaver

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