



## April 2021 Newsletter

May is Mental Health Month. We are observing this by hosting a [Mental Health and Wellness Day](#) on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please join us as members of our community share their coping strategies during the pandemic and beyond.

Each month, we feature a blogger, and this month it is [Dr Victoria Holt](#). Victoria is a Data Platform MVP and an Enterprise Data Architect. She is also an organizer of Data Relay and Data Toboggan events.

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

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--Mala and Kathi

### My Grandmother's Story

*I decided to do something different this month and share a story I wrote about my grandmother. She was born in 1909, and her life taught me to reach for the stars. I hope you enjoy it.*

When I was young, most grandmothers behaved a certain way. Grandmothers didn't have jobs in places like department stores or factories. They might have a job at a hospital or school, but not many of them did. Grandmothers didn't own cars, and, of course, they didn't drive. These were things that grandfathers did -- if they were still around that is. If they were not, grandmothers depended on daughters or neighbors for picking up groceries and anything they might need that didn't come from the Sears Catalog.

Even though there were things that grandmothers didn't do, there was plenty that they did. Grandmothers could cook or bake anything and make clothes. Many grandmothers had gardens and canned vegetables and jellies every year. Grandmothers could do fancy things like knit, crochet, embroider, or quilt. Grandmothers had lots of friends, and they spent lots of time on the phone catching up on family and neighborhood gossip. And, of course, they discussed what was going on in their "stories", otherwise known as soap operas. Even though grandmothers watched soap operas every afternoon, they didn't read scandalous books or magazines. They were proper!

As I said, most grandmothers led these proper lives, but they were not all this way. My Grandma M had her own car and a job in a department store when she was in her 60s, my age now. She could do lots of “grandmotherly” things like can vegetables and knit, but she also loved playing poker, fishing, bowling, dancing, and drinking beer (the list could go on!). My own mother warned me not to look at Grandma M’s bad books and magazines featuring romance and true crime. I’m not sure if she watched soap operas on TV. I think she was too busy doing other things.

Grandma M said her hair had been auburn before it turned snow white the way I remember it. That’s kind of red, just like Lucille Ball’s hair. Grandma M reminded me of Lucy because she was so funny. I don’t remember what she said or did that was funny, but I do remember both of us laughing hysterically whenever we got together.

I inherited many things from Grandma M like my pale blue eyes, small stature, and the shape my nose. The most important thing I got from her, though, was her quirkiness, and being brave enough to live life in an unexpected and extraordinary way.

--Kathi

## Upcoming Webinars

Group/Event	Date	Session	Presenter
Calgary Data User Group	2021-04-28	<a href="#">Beyond the Basic SELECT</a>	Deborah Melkin
London Power BI User Group	2021-04-28	<a href="#">Power of Women In Data – Mastering Recursion in PowerQuery</a>	Imke Feldmann
Cloud Data Driven	2021-05-06	<a href="#">Your Performance Tuning Check List</a>	Monica Rathbun
SQL Server & Microsoft Data Platform User Group – Cork	2021-05-06	<a href="#">SQL Server Configuration with dbatools and dbchecks</a>	Tracy Boggiano
Virtual Symposium: SQL Server & Azure SQL	2021-05-07	<a href="#">Method behind the magic of Indexes in SQL Server</a>	Deepthi Goguri
Data Platform WIT-Mental Health and Wellness Day	2021-05-07	<a href="#">Busy is a Four-Letter Word</a>	Jes Schultz
Data Platform WIT-Mental Health and Wellness Day	2021-05-07	<a href="#">Maintaining Balance while Re-Training in a New Professional Area</a>	Kendra Little
Data Platform WIT-Mental Health and Wellness Day	2021-05-07	<a href="#">Mental Health First Aid: 5-Step Action Plan</a>	Roseanna Whitelegg

<b>Data Platform WIT- Mental Health and Wellness Day</b>	2021-05-07	<a href="#">Mental Health and Wellness in IT: Safeguarding our most precious resource</a>	Tracy Boggiano
<b>Data Platform WIT- Mental Health and Wellness Day</b>	2021-05-07	<a href="#">No Regrets</a>	Lisa Bohm
<b>Data Platform WIT- Mental Health and Wellness Day</b>	2021-05-07	<a href="#">Being strong enough to say I'm not strong enough to do this alone</a>	Victoria Guarnieri
<b>Data Platform WIT- Mental Health and Wellness Day</b>	2021-05-07	<a href="#">"Awesome Dynamic Highly Dependable"</a>	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
<b>Database Professionals Virtual Meetup Group</b>	2021-05-12	<a href="#">Your Performance Tuning Check List</a>	Monica Rathbun
<b>SQL Server User Group Croatia</b>	2021-05-12	<a href="#">Method behind the magic of Indexes in SQL Server</a>	Deepthi Goguri
<b>Cloud Data Driven</b>	2021-05-13	<a href="#">Beyond the Basic SELECT</a>	Deborah Melkin
<b>DBA Fundamentals</b>	2021-05-25	<a href="#">Azure SQL Database for DBAs</a>	Ameena Lalani
<b>Data Platform Downunder Meetup Group</b>	2021-05-25	<a href="#">SQL Server Configuration with dbatools and dbchecks</a>	Tracy Boggiano
<b>Swedish SQL Server User group</b>	2021-06-08	<a href="#">What is DevOps and why should DBAs care?</a>	Kathi Kellenberger
<b>DataMinutes</b>	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Data Lineage using Azure Purview</a>	Anupama Natarajan
<b>DataMinutes</b>	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Make your life easy using Power Query</a>	Medha Bandari
<b>DataMinutes</b>	2021-06-11	<a href="#">AI for Power BI Professionals</a>	Indira Bandari
<b>DataMinutes</b>	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Analyzing Parquet files using Power BI Desktop</a>	Samudra Bandaranayake
<b>DataMinutes</b>	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Speedy intro to PowerShell</a>	Jess Pomfret
<b>DataMinutes</b>	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Simple VBA Front Ends for SQL Server using Access and Excel</a>	Joanna Wolthuis
<b>DataMinutes</b>	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Make That Presentation *POP*</a>	Heini Ilmarinen
<b>DataMinutes</b>	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Azure Notebooks with Data visualization</a>	Alpa Buddhabhatti
<b>DataMinutes</b>	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Azure Synapse Analytics in a nutshell</a>	Tsvetelina Kovacheva

DataMinutes	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Create your first Paginated Report</a>	Laura Graham-Brown
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Eyes on the Stars, Feet on the Ground!</a>	Deepthi Goguri
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Inside the UPDATE</a>	Deborah Melkin
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	<a href="#">To Fail, or Not to Fail, That is the Data Factory Question</a>	Meagan Longoria
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Scripting SQL Objects</a>	Mala Mahadevan
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Fighting with Sch-M Deadlocks</a>	Taryn Pratt
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Benefits of enabling IaaS Agent Extension on Azure SQL VM</a>	Ameena Lalani
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Anomaly Detection with Power BI</a>	Yana Berkovich
DataMinutes	2021-06-11	<a href="#">Finally some help for UDFs</a>	Kathi Kellenberger
Cloud Data Driven	2021-06-17	<a href="#">Recipe for Modern Applications: Functions, SQL, Geospatial, JSON</a>	Anna Hoffman
Cloud Data Driven	2021-08-05	<a href="#">Power BI and Dashboards 101</a>	Sharon Weaver
LA Data Platform	2021-11-17	<a href="#">Migrations 101</a>	Gilda Alvarez
LA Data Platform	2021-12-15	<a href="#">Intro to Query Store</a>	Tracy Boggiano

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