



## December 2021 Newsletter

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Now that the new year is approaching, we are brainstorming ideas for 2022. First of all, we decided to go back to monthly activities. These might include interviews, webinars, virtual networking and more. Stay tuned for more announcements next month.

Thanks to our sponsor Paper Sword, our website is moving starting in January. Blythe Morrow and company have designed a beautiful for us. Our plan is to build a mailing list for the newsletter and announcements, so sign up on the page once it's available.

Kathi has been a co-leader of the WIT group for over six years. She has decided to step down as co-leader and is excited to announce that Leslie Andrews is moving up as co-leader. Thanks to Kathi for her dedication over the years, and congratulations to Leslie!

Each month, we feature a blogger, and this month it is [Carey Payette](#). Carey Payette is a Senior Software Engineer with Trillium Innovations, as well as an ASPInsider and Progress Developer Expert. Her primary focus is Cloud integration and deployment for the web, mobile, and IoT spaces - specializing in C#, JavaScript, HTML5, XAML, Xamarin, NativeScript, Node.js, ASP.NET, GCP, Azure, and AWS.

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

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

### No Backup Plan

I just read Dave Grohl's memoir "The Storyteller: Tales of Live and Music." Dave was the drummer in the band Nirvana and is the lead singer of Foo Fighters. His genre of music is a bit out of my tastes, but I have been hearing stories about him that perked my interest.

In 2015, he severely broke his leg during a concert. He decided that he could not let his fans down and continued the concert sitting in a chair while a paramedic held his leg in place. More recently, a [10-year-old girl, Nandi Bushell, challenged him to a drum contest](#). There were challenges back and forth until

the band brought Nandi up on stage during a Los Angeles [concert to play drums](#) during their popular song Everlong. (Nandi is a fantastic drummer!)

I bring all this up to explain why I wanted to read Dave Grohl's memoir. Despite being this giant rock star, he sounds like a good, down-to-earth person. A couple of things from the book resonated with me, and, honestly, I read these same themes in many memoirs of successful people. First of all, his mother was instrumental (no pun intended) in getting him interested in music. They often went to jazz clubs together, and their home was filled with music. She was also supportive when he dropped out of high school to join his first touring band. That is probably not a great idea for everybody, but in this case, she said, "You'd better be good!" Support and encouragement from parents are so important.

The second critical theme from the book is that Dave had no "plan B." Every decision, every action led him to his goals. He described many opportunities that scared him because he didn't feel good enough or even deserved. Instead of coming up with excuses, he met these challenges head-on. There was no question about his future. Dave Grohl had no backup plan.

--Kathi

## Upcoming Webinars

Group/Event	Date	Session	Presenter
Cloud Data Driven	2021-12-23	<a href="#">Tech Fun Space – Welcome 2022</a>	Deepthi Goguri
Saint Charles SQL Server Meetup Group	2022-01-05	<a href="#">A session to future cloud DBA</a>	Deepthi Goguri
Data Platform Downunder Meetup Group	2022-01-17	<a href="#">Working with Azure SQL for the On-Prem DBA</a>	Rie Merritt
DBA Fundamentals Group	2022-01-18	<a href="#">Query Store on-Prem and in the Cloud</a>	Deepthi Goguri
Denver SQL Server User Group	2022-01-20	<a href="#">Understanding DAX, It's All About the Context</a>	Angela Henry
Denver SQL Server User Group	2022-02-17	<a href="#">On-Prem to Cloud DBA</a>	Deepthi Goguri
DBA Fundamentals Group	2022-02-22	<a href="#">Azure SQL Server &amp; DevOps</a>	Alpa
LA Data Platform	2022-05-18	<a href="#">Build a blog worth reading by Blythe Morrow</a>	Blythe Morrow
Los Angeles Data Platform	2022-08-18	Azure Synapse Analytics	Jen Beiser

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