

## February 2018 Newsletter

For those of you who have been presenting at local events, now is the time to reach the next level by putting together your submission for PASS Summit. The [call for speakers](#) will be open between February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>. For the past couple of years, the percentage of women chosen has been slightly higher than the percentage of women submitting. The way to get more women on the stage at Summit is to get more submissions from women in the first place. If you are struggling with writing an abstract, please reach out to us. We would be glad to give you feedback that will help you be selected.

Steaming code VGSTR0TO9

Each month, we will feature an experienced blogger, and this month it is [Mindy Curnutt](#)! Mindy is very involved in the Data Platform community as well as being an amazing entrepreneur.

Join us in March as we celebrate International Women's History Month with three webinars!

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 ***SentryOne***™ webinar to one lucky attendee thanks to the funds provided.



SentryOne has announced that their product BI Sentry has enhanced support [of SSAS Tabular](#).

Redgate is hosting another [SQL in the City Streamed](#) and the [PASS Marathon on GDPR](#).

--Rie and Kathi

### Taking the First Step

For several years, I have been reading the [Nerd Fitness](#) blog and newsletter. Being a techie, I was intrigued by the title. The premise is that the author, Steve Kamb, decided to treat his life as a video game with levels and achievements to unlock. I'm not a gamer, but I'm always looking for something

quirky to help me reach my goals. Even though there is an emphasis on diet and exercise, the advice has encouraged me to check a few more things off my “bucket list”.

Steve is now a bestselling author and has tens of thousands of members in his Fitness Academy. A recent email from Steve (not posted on his site at this time) talked about one of the first steps he took years ago that led to where he is today. He decided to record a short [fitness video](#) and post it on YouTube. It ended up being poor quality, and his shorts were on backwards! Still, it was the first step to an amazing career that has helped thousands of people add adventure to their lives as well as improve their health. If he had waited until he had the resources to make a perfect video, he may never have made it at all.

In my own case, it took me two months to write my first article thirteen years ago. I wanted it to be perfect. Despite that, I finally found the courage to submit it. I set a goal for myself to write six more articles by the end of the year. Those articles led to book chapters and, eventually, entire books. I was also inspired to begin speaking for the local user group which, of course, eventually led to speaking at PASS Summit.

I will never know how things would have turned out for me if I hadn't found the courage to submit that first article. Turning in that first article was one of the most frightening things I have ever done, but it turned out to a great confidence builder.

Writing or presenting may not be appealing to you, but I bet there are some things that you would love to do that scare you. Maybe it's applying for a promotion, starting up a user group in your city, or teaching kids to code. What is holding you back from taking that first step?

--Kathi

## 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.

[The Confidence Code](#)  
[Toastmasters International](#)  
[International Women's Day](#)

## Webinar Schedule

Date	Session	Speaker
Mar 13, 2018	<a href="#">SQL Server Take Over: Establishing a Baseline</a>	Lowry Kozlowski
Mar 14, 2018	<a href="#">Optimizing Stored Procedures</a> (Data Architecture group)	Kimberly Tripp

Mar 21, 2018	<a href="#">Are You Optimistic About Concurrency?</a>	Kalen Delaney
Mar 27, 2018	<a href="#">Make Your Presentations Tell a Story</a>	Heather Ritchie
Apr 10, 2018	<a href="#">DevOps 101 and the Database</a>	Stephanie Herr
Apr 19, 2018	<a href="#">Is the Cloud Cost Effective?</a> (Cloud virtual group)	Steph Locke
May 1, 2018	<a href="#">Index Design Patterns for Beginners</a> (DBA Fundamentals group)	Kendra Little
June 5, 2018	<a href="#">Not So Secret: Get to Know SQL Server Agent</a> (DBA Fundamentals group)	Jess Borland
Oct 16, 2018	<a href="#">SQL Server 2016 Features to Make DBA Lives Easier</a> (DBA Fundamentals group)	Padma Achanta

## SQL Saturdays

Event	Location	Date	Session Title	Presenter
SQL Saturday #725	Victoria	3-3-2018	<a href="#">Essential Linux for the SQL Server DBA</a>	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
SQL Saturday #725	Victoria	3-3-2018	<a href="#">Introduction to Cortana – Turning Data into Intelligent Action</a>	Melody Zacharias
SQL Saturday #725	Victoria	3-3-2018	<a href="#">Azure Analysis Services - An important step for BI in the cloud? [DE / EN]</a>	Gabi Munster, Oliver Engels
SQL Saturday #725	Victoria	3-3-2018	<a href="#">Get the Most Visual Power</a>	Yana Berkovich
SQL Saturday #704	Iceland	3-10-2018	<a href="#">Power BI deployment strategy for publishing and maintenance</a>	Prathy Kamasani
SQL Saturday #704	Iceland	3-10-2018	<a href="#">Data Types Do Matter</a>	Angela Henry
SQL Saturday #697	Spokane	3-10-2018	<a href="#">Azure Data Catalog – Turning Unused Assets into Usable Knowledge</a>	Melody Zacharias

SQL Saturday #697	Spokane	3-10-2018	<a href="#">Oracle vs. SQL Server Indexing- The Good, the Bad and the Ugly</a>	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
SQL Saturday #697	Spokane	3-10-2018	<a href="#">Boost your Analytics with Machine Learning for SQL Nerds</a>	Julie Koesmarno
SQL Saturday #697	Spokane	3-10-2018	<a href="#">Creating Dynamic, Reusable, SSIS Packages</a>	Elizabeth Hunt
SQL Saturday #701	Cincinnati	3-17-2018	<a href="#">How to Build a Disaster Recovery Plan</a>	Rie Irish
SQL Saturday #701	Cincinnati	3-17-2018	<a href="#">Making the Leap from Developer to DBA</a>	Amy Herold
SQL Saturday #701	Cincinnati	3-17-2018	<a href="#">DevOps for the DBA</a>	Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman
SQL Saturday #701	Phoenix	3-17-2018	<a href="#">Implementing Python in SQL Server 2017</a>	Ginger Grant
SQL Saturday #701	Phoenix	3-17-2018	<a href="#">Using SQL &amp; PowerPivot in Excel to create an SSAS Tabular Model for Power BI</a>	Kristine Dyess
SQL Saturday #701	Phoenix	3-17-2018	<a href="#">The Power of Data: The Complete Beginners Data Warehouse Kit</a>	Leslie Andrews
SQL Saturday #701	Phoenix	3-17-2018	<a href="#">Challenges and Opportunities in Creating Accessible Power BI Reports</a>	Meagan Longoria
SQL Saturday #701	Phoenix	3-17-2018	<a href="#">Natural Language Processing (NLP) Intro</a>	Yueying LI
SQL Saturday #701	Phoenix	3-17-2018	<a href="#">Intro to tSQLt: Unit Testing for Databases</a>	Sandra Walters

