



President's Remarks

Fall has always been my favorite season. Although apparently my city is currently past peak leaf color, the trees outside my home office are only about half way there. I especially love how the morning sun makes the mostly yellow/orange leaves seem to glow.

Take a break from your leaf watching and take a quick look at some of the exciting announcements highlighted in this month's newsletter!

If you are available that day, join us for the next [Access Lunchtime October 31 at 12pm CT](#) where I will discuss Debugging Techniques (in Access).

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Access can now connect to Salesforce & Dynamics 365

The August release for Access contains a couple of very exciting new ways to link to outside data! Read about them in this updated post [What's new in Access 2016](#). You can now link directly to a Salesforce database or a Dynamics 365 database. This is huge! In the past we had to export data from those databases into Excel, then import into Access. Not only can you import data to report on it or use it in Access, but you can actually LINK to live data! You do have to have Office 365 ProPlus, Office 365 Enterprise E3, or, Office 365 Enterprise E5 versions. There are also a few settings to make and restrictions in Salesforce. If you would like assistance please contact [Barnes Business Solutions!](#)

Announcing an upcoming new release of OLE DB Driver for SQL Server

Previously Microsoft had stated that the commercial release of Microsoft SQL Server, codename "Denali," would be the last release to support OLE DB. Earlier this month they published a [Microsoft announcement](#) indicating that they have decided to undeprecate OLE DB and release a new version of the driver by the first quarter of calendar year 2018. It is expected to support connectivity to SQL Server (versions 2012 to 2017), Azure SQL Database and Azure SQL Data Warehouse. This is great news! Those of you with Access databases that connect to SQL server through this method can keep up-to-date on versions without needing extensive code changes.

FluidMath brings your handwritten math to life!

Check out this cool new free app called [FluidMath](#) designed to be a smart piece of white paper. This app is designed for 6-12 graders but can be used by anyone with a Windows 8.1 or 10 device. Works best with touch or pen.

A sneak peak at some upcoming Office 365 improvements

Take a look at this [You Tube video](#) by Microsoft Mechanics, demoing some upcoming additions to Office 365. I was really excited by the artificial intelligence they are planning to add to Excel currently scheduled to be available to most Office 365 users in early 2018.



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