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Where have all my old friends gone? Day 9

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DH calls my spark friends my "imaginary friends." I envy those who are able to meet in real life after sharing experiences online. So far in real life I've meet exactly ONE spark friend (Teri-rific) when we realized we would both be participating in the VA 10 Miler which attracts thousands of runners each September. That's the race title but we both had chosen the 4 miler option. So we were able to meet at the finish line while waiting for our daughters who were running the full 10 miles.

Actually there is one spark friend that I've known for nearly 47 years - my DD#1 (Hayburner1969). I've had to count her among the "inactive." She does read my blog but lately does not have any other spark presence. Her main focus right now is the Semifinals of the Cliburn International Piano Competition.

www.sparkpeople.com/mypage_public_journal_individual.asp?blog_id=6147745

I hope that's the case with other inactive/missing sparkers - that some other GOOD thing has taken precedence in their lives.

Now for today's data

12 Active 8 Inactive/Missing - 60% still active

Summary so far:

77 out of 150 are still actively sparking - 51%

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CHANGINGHORSES

I have met a few in real life also and that was fun. We got together for bike riding and hiking or walking a couple times. Just a bunch of folks trying to help each other on this "trying to be healthy" journey.

1848 days ago



ANGIEN9

I have met two spark friends. Written and spoken to about 5 others and email a few on occasion. Glad to know that your DD is concentrating on a good alternative.





As for imaginary friends...I kinda like that!! Never had one as a kid. In this cyber world full of virtual friends why shouldn't they be different on SP site!!

Have an awesome rest of the week!!

Amgie

1850 days ago



PRNCSCUP1-2FULL

I call my Spark friends, well, "Spark Friends", but call my friends around here my "fleshie" friends.... nOt meaning they are fat or extra fleshie, but that I could touch them if I wanted to! I really hope you & I get to meet one day! Our paths overlap occasionally! But, the one Spark Friend I've met in person I had to go to the Bahamas to meet her! Not a bad idea, but strange.

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GINIEMIE

I'd like meeting my spark friends too, but I'm not traveling much and I didn't friend a bunch in GA. Try Wisconsin, PA, Michigan, VA, WV, Paris France, Brussels Belgium...transplanted there

after my last visit.



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BBEAGAN

Imaginary friends vs SLENDERELLA's 3D friends! Great concepts! 51% is still pretty good.

1852 days ago



JEANKNEE

I have only met one of my SparkFriends too. And, I brought her to Spark. 🧡

1852 days ago



HOLLYM48

Glad you are finding many of your friends are still active! I love meeting spark friends and in fact will meet 2 on Thursday. Keep the great work!

1852 days ago



DOVESEYES

Still great numbers considering... love these blogs thanks.

1852 days ago



LIVEDAILY

I've met 4 Spark Friends in person, and have exchanged snail mail addresses with a few more. I don't consider my Spark People friends as imaginary though. Each one is a special friend that I treasure more than many realize (not to put any pressure on anyone!).



1852 days ago



PHEBESS

Well, depending on where and when, we could conceivably meet up somewhere on earth.

1852 days ago



CD4114015

I agree with you and hope the MIAs have found GOOD! Another GREAT blog. Each day I hope that these will go on and on!

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CD16110307

I count on my spark friends to keep me moving in the right direction.



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PHOENIX1949



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**TERI-RIFIC**

It was a highlight of my Spark life! My daughter still asks about you. " what's new with Brooklyn



Born?" I told her about the piano competition.
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**ONEKIDSMOM**

LOVE that description, "imaginary friends"... kind of like my "mythical son". I share your hopes that missing Spark friends have something GOOD going on in their lives, whether they have found another venue that fits their needs better or are concentrating on other needed aspects of life.



I have had the privilege of meeting multiples of my Spark friends... a couple of them are local, but many of them I traveled to meet, and one even met me as she and her DH traveled through my neck of the woods. I find that those of us who write blogs prolifically are pretty much the same in person as we come across on the screen... I love every single one I've met! It's kind of like meeting pen pals... remember them?



Carry on! And Spark on!
1853 days ago

**50YEARSAWIFE**

I haven't met any of my Spark friends either. This has been very interesting. I personally plan



to continue on Spark until I don't know how to run a computer anymore.
1853 days ago

**TORTOISE110**

Good question!
1853 days ago

**SLENDERELLA61**

Very interesting. There are some SparkFriends I miss so much. WALKINGANNIE was a tremendous positive influence on me, helping me break the pattern of re-gain after big weight loss. I will always owe her. I never knew her real name or where she actually lived. I had no way to contact her when she suddenly disappeared from SP. I know she'd had some health issues so it worried me a lot.



On Spark you can get to know people really well in some ways, sharing things in writing that your 3D friends don't know or understand. But in other ways they are "imaginary" friends. Perhaps our kids will grow up with greater understanding and appreciation of these kinds of relationships. To me, they are a blessing I don't totally get!

Thanks for being my SparkFriend.
1853 days ago

**WATERMELLEN**

I do so hope that my spark friends MIA have found something good to focus upon also . . . I do believe that not everybody "requires" the ongoing community support to maintain (but I sure do appreciate it!!)
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