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Where have all my old friends gone? Day 21

Saturday, May 28, 2016

Three weeks along in this project and the finish line is in sight. I expected it to take much longer checking out 10 old friends per day, but I doubled that early on. It was like bumping into old friends on the street and catching up. I even made a few new friends along the way.

Today's group is a remarkable bunch.

17 Active & 3 Inactive/Missing - That's 85%

Summary so far:

221 out of 390 are still active - 57%

Here's the day by day statistics.

Day	Active	Inactive/Missing	% active
1	7	3	70%
2	6	4	60%
3	5	5	50%
4	9	11	45%
5	7	13	35%
6	8	12	40%
7	11	9	55%
8	12	8	60%
9	12	8	60%
10	9	11	45%
11	9	11	45%
12	10	10	50%
13	14	16	47%
14	18	2	90%
15	6	4	60%
16	12	8	60%
17	12	8	60%
18	7	13	35%
19	15	5	75%
20	15	5	75%
21	17	3	85%

I wonder how my little sample compares to the millions of sparkers around the world.

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**CHANGINGHORSES**

All we can hope is that when the people "go" the seed is already planted and they return one day to blossom into wonderful Sparkers like some of you are!

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**SMILINGEYES2**

Interesting chart.

Plan to subscribe to your blog. Thanks for contact.

1840 days ago

**SUNNYBEACHGIRL**

I went thru my list at the beginning of the year, and dropped of those who were no longer around. I too wonder. I get notices of new members to my team and I keep a list of all the welcome notes and goodies I send out. I am no longer surprised that people disappear quickly. It is hard adding in another commitment sometimes. Interesting analysis

1840 days ago

**LIVEDAILY**

That's some great numbers for today!!

2BDYNAMIC has an interesting question. As with any organization, when groups (teams) are formed, there are other smaller groups, (or cliques), that form within them. It's hard to become part of a "team" when it's the "same Faithful Five" that's running the show. Another point, as a co-leader on 2 teams, I made it a point to acknowledge when folks placed on the leaderboards. Did anyone say, "Hey, thanks for noticing, or thanks for the goodie?" Nope. Well, maybe one or two did, but it was very discouraging. It made me think that they didn't care one way or the other, so I stopped doing it. And no one noticed that either. I don't know why people join the teams they join. Maybe it's for a certain camaraderie. Maybe it reflects a profession, a hobby, a certain diet, where you live.

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**PRNCSCUP1-2FULL**

I wonder if SP has people gathering this kind of data for them? I forget.... Are you going thru your friend list randomly or from the earliest of friends to the most recent? Thinking that if you are going from "oldest" to "newest" your data may be a bit skewed.

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**DOVESEYES**

It really is so intersting thanks for sharing each day. Have a great week.

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**PHEBESS**

These are more recent Sparkies, right? You're working chronologically, first to most recent; so recency might be the reason this great group is still here. Or they're just a really great group!

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**CD4114015**

I have to ditto ONEKIDSMOM's comment....that's how it was for me...I didn't "get" it til 66 years of age...FIRST time in my life. Joined spark in 2008 so glad I STUCK around!

GOOD series!

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**SWEDE_SU**

i think onekidsmom has it right here - spark works. for me. and i have been around the block enough times to recognize the warning signs that tell me that i need to get back, i need to get active.

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**PHOENIX1949**

Curious as to which day's check I fall into. I was encouraged by your blog yesterday about it taking a few years of SP to really stick and get into it as I've had that struggle and realize there is always hope thanks to maintainers like you who blog with helpful information/insight. Thank you.

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**WATERMELLEN**

I sure hope that the Sparkie admin/powers that be are paying attention and thinking about ways of improving retention!! You are performing a real service!

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**JEANKNEE**

I've wondered too about what you're seeing and how it compares to the greater Spark Community.

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HELEN_BRU

Well, Spark will never tell you! (smile)
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50YEARSAWIFE


I agree with ONEKIDSMOM. I am not going anywhere. This site is the only one that got the job done. It is up to me to continue here and tried to maintain.
1841 days ago



2BDYNAMIC

Well you can know one thing for sure I am here to stay!! ...I really love Sparks and truly value all the wonderful people I have met Many who became friends who send messages to each other frequently and help each other weather the storms! ... (I once was on a site that in NO



way held a candle to what Sparks offers! (And THAT one cost!) I also wonder ONE more thing Why is it people join teams and never or rarely show up? I found it is not just the two teams I lead, but joined some other teams with huge membership and

you get the same "Faithful Five" posting every day and holding the team together



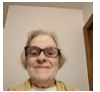
...that might be an interesting one to query.

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ONEKIDSMOM

A fascinating study, truly. One thing I have learned... when we are ready, the tool that takes us over the top comes into our lives... for me, that's been SparkPeople.com. While it's not been the ONLY tool I've used, it's the one that is helping me maintain... not going anywhere, my friend!



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