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## I Know You Love Me - It's OK to Skip the Chocolate

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It wasn't always this way. Feb 14, 1964 my boyfriend of 8 months brought me the biggest box of candy I had ever seen. It was a HUGE valentine box, 2 feet wide. I even knew how much it cost because I passed that "homemade chocolate" candy shop every day on my way to high school and the box was the centerpiece of the window display with the price right there, front and center.

I knew it cost \$25 which was just about his week's earnings from his part time job. That sealed the deal. Either he really loved me or at least he was trying to impress me or maybe my parents. Remember that 53 years ago \$25 was the equivalent of \$250 today.

We went to prom



We got married

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There have been a half century of Valentines Days since then. Sometimes we paid attention to the significance of Feb 14th and sometimes we had other priorities.

We have always agreed on one thing. We're very thrifty.

4 years ago the title of my blog was "Love at 50% Off" because the box of candy Joe would buy me looked just as pretty and tasted just as good on February 15th.

Eventually Joe read "The Spark Solution" and evolved into a "stealth sparker."

Now neither of us need a big box of candy. After all, the percent reduction is only in money not calories.

So how about this? My early valentine.



Those are a pair of "compression" running socks that my nearly 70 year old feet will enjoy long after Valentine's Day itself.

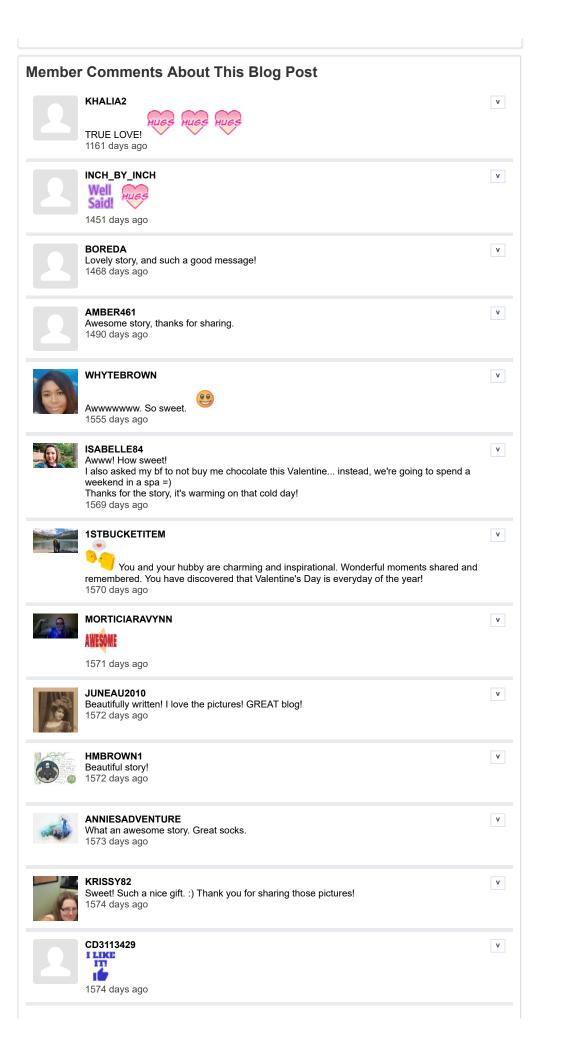
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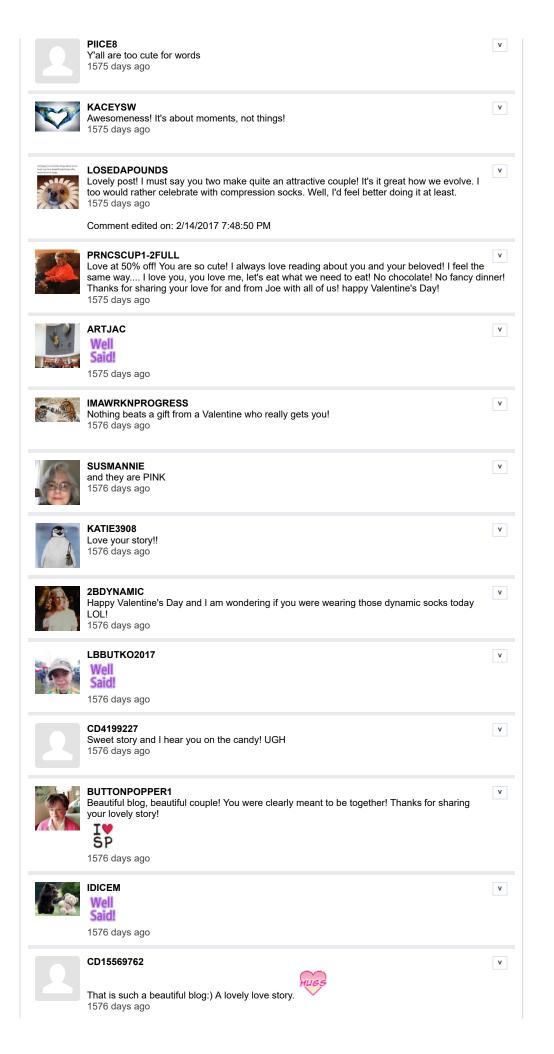


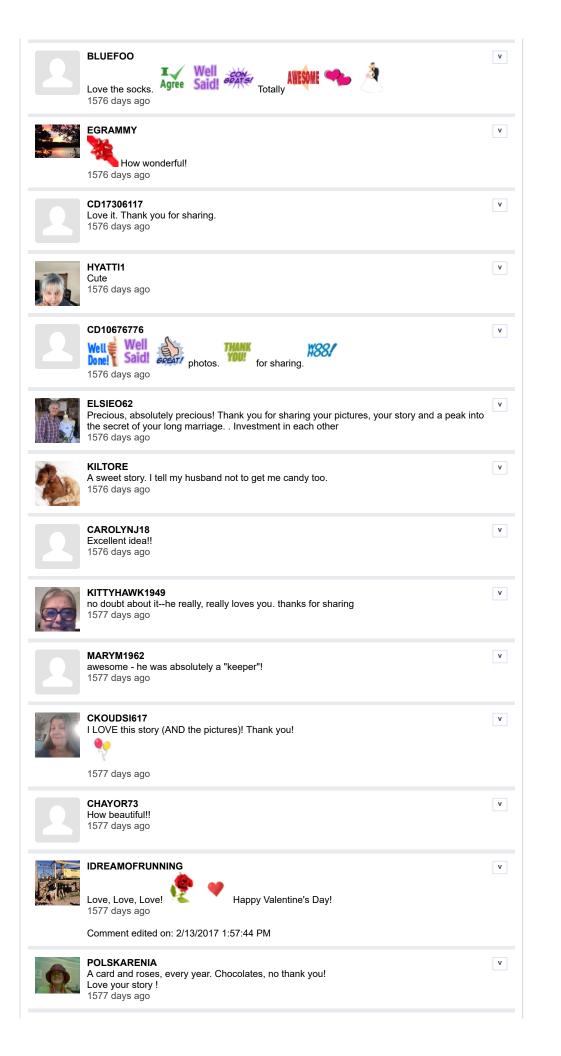
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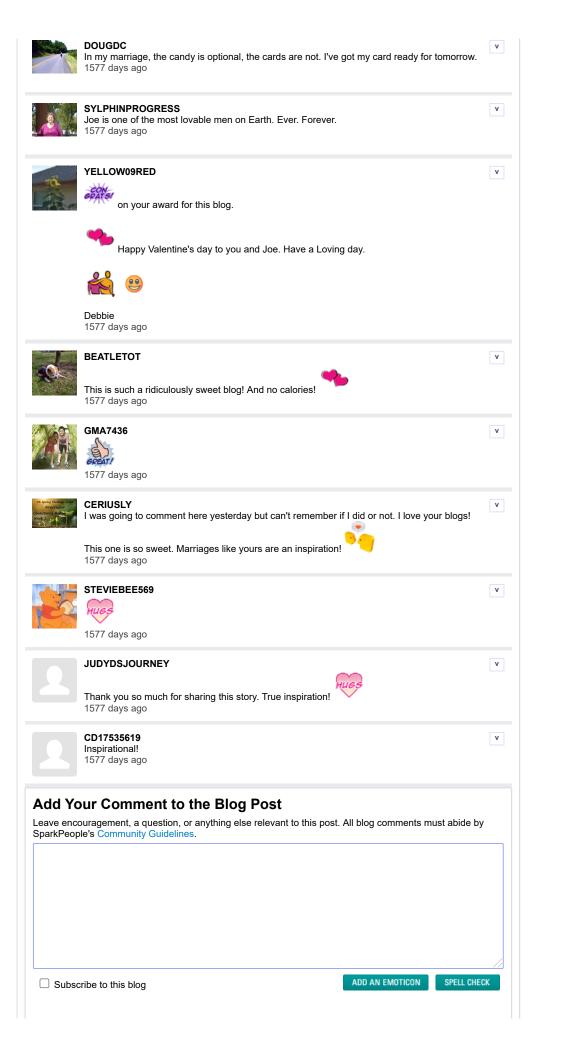
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