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Meeting a Spark Friend at a great race

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Today was my first real life encounter with a Spark Friend. Teri-rific and I ran the 4 mile option of the Virginia 10 Miler in Lynchburg. Nice that you don't have to do the whole 10 miles to get a finisher's medal.



Then we were joined by our daughters (and Teri's daughter's friend) who all did the 10 miler.



Their medals are REALLY nice!

As we were leaving, my DD (Sparky Hayburner1969)-center in the above photo) pointed out one of the honored guests at the event.

Kathrine Switzer was the woman who entered the male-only Boston Marathon in 1967. I remember when she was dragged off the course of that "male only" event.

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My DD told her how her act inspired me, her mother, to enter our town's Labor Day bike race using only MY first initial. It was 1973 and I had the only bike with a baby seat on the back. No one stopped me like happened to Kathrine, but it became clear that not only men were interested in participating. Subsequent races included a women's division.

This is a photo I will always treasure.



I'll write about the actual race tomorrow once official results are posted.

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How great that is that you met a SP and someone you admired. Glad you were geared for a great day.



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MJREIMERS

All I can say is, "How **AWESOME** !" In all regards of your day!

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CD13758606

Very precious story! Switzer's actions are truly inspiring. How great it must have been to meet her. Cool that you met up with Teri.



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KELLIEBEAN

What a GREAT Day!



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CELIAMINER

What a great story!





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awww ya'll look so happy! Love it!
Rhonda

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MISCHAKEO

How fun that you met a fellow Sparker and did the event together. I did not realize women used to be excluded.

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BOOKAPHILE

What a great day!

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KOHINOOR2



Congratulations.



Thanks for sharing.

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LACY77

Congratulations on the finish! I can't wait to read about the race tomorrow. It is great to see a legend like the one you met today, it is women like you and her that serve as a great inspiration for many! Thank-you for sharing and sparking me even more today!

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DOVESEYES

How wonderful to meet her in person!!! and to have the photo as a keepsake.

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APRILRUSSELL3

What a great time! So nice that you got to run with a fellow Sparker!

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Good for you!

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MARYJEANSL

So very cool to meet a woman who was an inspiration to you! To say nothing of meeting a spark friend in person. What a great day! And congrats on yet another successful race under your belt!

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ONEKIDSMOM

Such a BIG DEAL to meet our she-roses! A great report on a great day, and how nice to meet a Spark friend in person, too.

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How wonderful! I'm so glad for all of you, esp the sparkers! I have yet to meet one but look forward to that day!



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POLSKARENIA

Sounds like you had a great time - yay!!

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Awesome!

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