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Checking in from My World Outside of Spark

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Thank you to those who still send me notes and goodies.

I want to assure everyone that I am fine.

I still follow the Spark principles and in a few months will mark 9 years of maintenance.

Joe and I have been traveling a LOT both alone and with family, especially the grandchildren who are now 16-23.

Last month we toured the Baltic countries.

My paternal grandparents emigrated from Lithuania over 100 years ago.

Pictures and details are here on my website

www.brigs.us/2018

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Another milestone – A few weeks ago our grandson graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a degree in both Mechanical Engineering and Chinese. Now he is going to China for an internship and further study.

Here are my 3 generations of engineers.



I have become more active in volunteer work. The need is very great. I have never been in the group of "I've got mine the heck with everyone else" and since I am retired I am busy trying to make my corner of the world a better place.

I wish you all the best and hope you continue to make progress and fulfill your goals.

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**MJZHERE**

I don't know if you will see this, but glad to see you are ok. I have not been on sp in a long time but decided to check in on some of my friends. I am glad you are volunteering - that is most of my time also along with some traveling. Wishing you the best, friend!

963 days ago

**SLBROOKS3**

Thanks for your update. I have been off of SparkPeople for months. I'm just now checking in and trying to see what is going on. It's nice to read friends blogs. Take care.

1047 days ago

**BUTTONPOPPER1**

I missed this blog when you posted, but I'm glad I found it today, as I have wondered how you're doing at this very concerning time in world history.

Congratulations on your grandson's graduation and about all the other good things going on in your life! Engineers are awesome! Most of my Japanese businessmen English students are engineers, so smart and contributing a lot to society. What an opportunity of a lifetime for your grandson to study in China!

Thank you for volunteering and making our world a better place. I wish you good health, peace, and continued happiness. Hope to see you here again sometimes.



1060 days ago

**PLATINUM755**

Nice!

1064 days ago

**CRADLEY**

Thank you for checking in - it's great to see that you have been keeping so busy. And also

thank you for giving of your time volunteering. There are so many in need out there.

1070 days ago

**KRISSY82**

Hi! Nice to hear about what's going on in your life!

1077 days ago

**ZRIE014**

enjoy very much

1079 days ago

**LOSEDAPOUNDS**

Thanks for visiting! It all sounds good. My great-grandparents on one side were from Lithuania as well-Lithuanian Jews. How wonderful that you are doing volunteer work to give back.

1081 days ago

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**JUNEPA**

Sweet to have travel time and plans that includes grandkids and family roots !!

Congratulations to your trio of engineers

1086 days ago

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**MARYJEANSL**

In many ways you remind me of my beautiful mother, who just passed away. She too always wanted to make the world a better place. I am sending you in a private message the link to her obituary. Sadly, the last years of her life, Alzheimer's took away the mother I knew, but she is the one I will always remember, not the shell left behind by such a horrible disease.

1086 days ago





BONDMANUS2002

Absolutely great
1086 days ago



BONIFIANT

It is good to see a blog from you again. I applaud your lifestyle choice to volunteer.
1087 days ago



SPARKFRAN514


1087 days ago




OHMEMEME

So happy that you've checked in! Love the update! Congrats on grad and all other adventures with grands and family! Life is a blessing and adding just a little Spark is sometimes enough. I always wonder about friends who go missing here and so happy to see your check in. Congrats on those 9 years! Wowsy! Wowsy! Wowsy! I smile with end of your travels! And thank you for giving back in so many ways!

Live on! Spark on!
1087 days ago



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SUNSHINE20113

It's so wonderful to see your name pop up on the webpage. Thank you for checking in with us.
1087 days ago



MARYJOANNA

Glad to hear things are well and travel is included. Nice the see three generations.
1087 days ago



MAWMAW101

Thanks for the update on your life, glad it is gong so well!
1088 days ago



TOPFORM1

Congratulations on all the accomplishments of your family! Kudos to all of you!
1088 days ago



KSNANA2

Glad to hear from you! Enjoy your travels and your volunteer work!
1088 days ago



KRISZTA11

Thank you for checking in, I'm glad to hear from you!



1088 days ago



BESSHAILE

Good to hear from you - congratulations on the Three Engineers.

Thank you for helping to make the world a better place.
1088 days ago



GETULLY

Congratulations!
1088 days ago





GRAMPIAN

Well done.
1088 days ago



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HEALTHYANDFIT27

So glad to hear from you! Congrats on nine years of maintenance! I wish you more good health and happiness!
1088 days ago

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PLCHAPPELL

Sounds great
1088 days ago

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HARROWJET

It is good to hear from you and hear you are doing well.
1089 days ago

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SUNNYCALIGIRL

 and nice to hear from you. I am glad you are volunteering and giving back to the world, and enjoying it because that's really what life is all about.
1089 days ago

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ALICIA363


Thank you for the update!



1090 days ago

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SYLPHINPROGRESS

It's so good to see you here. I've cut back on some SP aspects, so I'm especially glad that I took a look at the friend-feed screen just now. I didn't realize that you'd been traveling up a storm, but not surprised. The 'three generations of engineers' photo is beautiful; Joe looks excellent. I'd love to know what types of volunteer work you've added to your slate. I made changes in mine a couple of months ago -- cut back, but still pitching in in less demanding ways for now. All of the writing and art classes and workshops of the past year have me in thrall and I've increased my efforts. Once I become more proficient, I'll step up the volunteering again. Phebe was in NY last week. We got together on Tuesday for lunch, the Central Park Carousel and some sketching in the park. She is so good and has been generous with tips and suggestions.
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KANSASROSE67

Thanks for the update! Congrats on all the wonderful things going on in your life!
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CHANGINGHORSES

Good to hear from you! Glad that you are doing well!
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DOVESEYES

Congrats on all that is happening in your life, so much to celebrate. Lovely to hear from you :)
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SHAWFAN

 I LIKE IT! thumbs up

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RAZZOZLE



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LINDA!

You are doing very well. Wonderful!
1090 days ago



PHEBESS

Nice to see you again, and the travel is always wonderful!!!

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When do you take off for Peru? We're currently in Philadelphia, for a Paul Simon concert (Saturday night). But if we end up in your general vicinity, I'll give you a shout!
1090 days ago



WATERMELLEN

Wonderful to hear from you!! So much to celebrate in your life of accomplishment and giving back!!
1090 days ago

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BJAEGER307

It is so great to hear from you once again. I know you've been busy and living life to it's fullest. That's how it should be. It is also great to know you and your family are doing well! Wishing you all the best! Retirement is great isn't it? Loving it here!
1090 days ago

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PHOENIX1949

Great to hear you are doing so well. Spouse on second week of two-week river cruise in France which he got interested in after I showed him a couple of your blogs about river cruises. Unable to travel, I am enjoying his trek virtually through the daily photos. Now on to your website travel photos and narrative.
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SUSIEMT

So glad to hear you are alive and kicking!!! Congratulations early on your 9 years maintenance!!! Woo Hoo you!



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PACEKA1

Thanks for checking in - sounds like your life is going really well! You must be so proud of your grandson!
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QUARTERMASTER3



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JEANKNEE

So good to hear from you. Congratulations to your grandson and thank you for working to make your corner of the world a better place. Enjoy your travels and explorations and know that I will continue to think of you and wish you all the best.
1090 days ago

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MJREIMERS

I've been experiencing life outside of Spark myself. I take it we have learned what we need and now are living it! Good for you!
1090 days ago

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NANASUEH

You've been missed but I'm glad you're having a great time with travel and family. Keep us updated when you can and post the pics. Your grandson looks so much like his dad!

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1091 days ago



AQUAGIRL08

You've been missed. I'm so glad that you've had a busy happy time in your life!
1091 days ago

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SOCCERMOM99

You were missed. thanks for the update!!!
1091 days ago

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SPEDED2

So nice to read your post. It's wonderful that you are healthy, busy, and living the life you choose. Volunteering is a reward twice blessed, once for the recipient and once for you. Congrats for the graduate ad congrats for the travel.
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1DAY-ATA-TIME

Nice to hear from you. Seems like you're enjoying retirement. Volunteer work can be so rewarding. Keep on Sparking.
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