SeedsFly:

Brings You Different Life

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Abstract:

In this world, you may know several people that you are more familiar with more than your own siblings. Appearances may vary, but if there was a mirror that could reflect people’s characteristics, you would be twins in front of the mirror. You share numerous interests in common. You may not always be together, but they are always by your side whenever you are on the top of the world or in great depression. Who are they? They are your friends.

As technology improves every day, the rise of countless social networking websites and application infiltrate our lives and change the form of friendship considerably. Nowadays, social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Line, Skype and so on, eliminate the limitations of time and distance yet, they provide even more creative and entertaining ways to communicate with your friends anytime, anywhere.

Faced with various intricate features and complex functions of these social media, how can we make better use of them? We have designed an application called “SeedsFly” to address this problem. With SeedsFly, it will embellish our life and live, hopefully, in a multicultural global village. Please spare us 5 minutes of your time to watch this amazing app.

Text:

You often hear people say that friends are like the light on the road of life; if there is nothing left after a failure, you can always seek for comfort from your friends. They are your best medicine to heal you. As a matter of fact, in the stream of history, friendship is one of the brightest pebbles that never vanish as time passes. Therefore, we can know that friendship is very important to everyone’s life. It is inevitable for persons to have friends and experience friendship. When there is friendship in the affection between parents and children and love between lovers, they bond is stronger and stable. As a result, friendship can also be called: the foundation of human’s positive relationship.

If you ask us to make a metaphor about friendship, we will say that friendship is just like a mirror. Nowadays, because of various factors, modern people are forced to become sophisticated, facing people with their “masks” on them and hiding their true selves. It is reckoned as improper to express your feeling in front of public. But when facing friends, people are more themselves, with less regards for social rules are and feel free to just be who they really are. That’s one of the features of friendship: People feel relaxed and comfortable to be with their friends.

As the saying goes:” Birds of the same feather flock together.” This quote shows another important feature of friendship: Despite being of different origins and perhaps, cultural backgrounds, if there is something in common between two people, then friendship is easily formed. With one common interest that they share with one another, they are able to cultivate more and more common interests, and enjoy a lot of fun together. To sum up, it is important for friends to have something in common no matter what it is. It can be a hobby, characteristic, or a point of view and so on. Without common grounds among people, it would be hard to have sympathetic response to things, not to mention being friends.

In addition to accompanying you when you are in depression, friends are also benefit to people’s daily life. Chinese thinker Confucius once said, “When I walk along with two others, they may serve me as my teachers. I will select their good qualities and follow them, their bad qualities and avoid them.” The reason that makes people become friends may be the common point they both have, but the different points between friends are also important. Differences can not only make people broaden their horizon but they can also multiply the good in each other’s life. To say it in simple words, friendship between friends is one of the most vital elements to enrich lifetime.

After industrial revolution, the improvement of technology has been an important thing that man has worked hard for. Now, in 21th century, technology improves every day, many things have changed. Friendship is exactly on the list. What power makes friendship, which is the thing that exists since the origin of human, change its form? The answer is: the emergence of community websites.

Because of advances in science and technology, community websites such as Facebook, Line, Whatsapp, Wechat, Instagram, Twitter, Facetime, Skype, and Weibo and so on, change the form of friendship. Here we want to take communication between friends for example. Due to the limitation of time and distance, friends who want to maintain their relationship can only have few choices: meeting face to face, writing letters or taking a long trip to see each other. Only after the 19th century has the telephone become an option has the telephone become an option. It seems that there were a lot of obstacles between friends to keep contact with each other and maintain their friendship before community websites came up.

Those barriers are destroyed simultaneously as the community websites goes out. For example, in the past, if you want to contact with your friends, it will take at least one day for your friend to receive your letter from the postman. Making a phone call to friends also takes time. On the contrary, using community websites allows you to spend the least time for receiving and sending messages. With them, people and their friends can send messages, chat with each other, and pay attention to friends’ recent developments, even video to see each other at any time and space. Compared to the way used in the past, using community websites to contact with friends and have fun on them is really better than writing letters or meeting friends face-to-face. Thanks to the convenience and instantaneity that community websites bring to modern people, people can enjoy interacting with friends and experience friendship in a totally new way.

After mentioning several advantages of community websites, there is an issue for us to think about: Based on the idea of keep on improving, how can we make better use of community websites in building and enriching friendship? That’s what motivates us to design the blueprint about this software called SeedsFly.

I will talk about it in the following paragraph. As the name implies, SeedsFly is based on one of the factors for becoming friends: having things in common and use your Facebook account to enable them to make friends with the users all over the world. After installing it and inputting user’s Facebook account number, it will receive all your movement records and personal information. What makes SeedsFly amazing is that you can set whatever requirement you want, such as having the same taste of the same pages on Facebook, music, books, playing the same games on Facebook. Press “Search”, then SeedsFly will help you find out the most fitful users for you. What’s more, in addition to Facebook, this software cooperates with a lot of popular community websites that makes you interact with the new friends you make through it in various ways. For example: using Facebook and Twitter to follow each other’s recent development; using Instagram to appreciate photos; using Line, Wechat and Whatsapp to chat and using Facetime and Skype to see each other face-to –face. Each of them has its advantages and you can choose whatever you want to use. It all depends on your requirements.

Why SeedsFly can benefit you? First, it makes community websites have more contribution for building and maintaining friendship. Second, thanks to SeedsFly, building friendship is no longer limited by life circle. There is an obvious example to show how it can achieve the goals mentioned above.

Birthdays are one of the most important annual holidays. As usual, people are used to celebrate their birthday by having surprises, holding party and inviting friends to join, enjoying delicious birthday cake or big meals. But with SeedsFly, birthday can be celebrated in different ways. By using it to search users who are born in the same day and then making friends with them, you can use video software such us Skype and Facetime to celebrate your “common” birthday by holding online party, sharing individual birthday cake and sending your birthday blessings to them and so on. What’s more, posting messages which are related to your deep feelings on SeedsFly is another choice that worth trying.

For example:

Today is my birthday, in addition to birthday routines (cake, cards, blessing from my family and friends), I reflect myself deeply and write down this articles to share with you who are born in the same day with me.

To life, I used to be lazy and passive to almost everything. Take doing household for example, my mother always finished all the domestic affairs so that my sister and I are no need to do them ourselves. Last March, my mother was diagnosed that she had suffered from cancer for almost two years. As the result, I have no choice but to “replace” her place and started to do all the family affairs. I have to get up at 6:00 am, make breakfast for my sister and father, do the laundry, cook dinner, do the dishes, clean the house, check my sister’s assignments and prepare the food material for next day. Not until then did I realize that being a career woman is absolutely not that easy and I also regretted my careless to my mother and my thought that taking her contribution to this home for granted.

To me, today is a milestone. In addition to becoming one year old older, my mother finally returned from hospital after three months from that day. As she crossed into the gate, and saw the meal I cooked for her to congratulate her getting back, she smiled with tears, and gave me a warm and big hug. I can feel her skinned and shriveled arms surrounding my waist, and her tears wet my apron. At that moment, I felt that I have casted off old self and grown into a woman who is more capable, responsible and sensible.

If someone asking me that what I think life will be, I would laugh at him or her and think that it is such an old thing. Now, I will answer like this: Life is like ocean, sometimes we are used to this tranquility and easy. Only when meeting a reef can beautiful waves be brought out.

Wish you all have a wonderful and meaningful birthday just like me!

In conclusion, these new ways to celebrate with the people who are born in the same day can make birthdays more meaningful. It is really worth making effort to put SeedsFly into practice.

It is friendship that makes life abundant and colorful. Thanks to advancement of technology, friendship multiplies its forms and turns more brilliant than it used to be. To make friendship become better, SeedsFly is the power to push it into a higher place. It is predictable that with this App, the ideal of global village will be seen in near future.

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