

“Luck ‘o the Irish”

I got to thinking about the concept of luck. What is it really? Webster’s says luck is the seemingly chance happening of events which affect one’s fortune, lot, fate. Do you think of yourself as a lucky person? Or do you go the Sports Booster Spaghetti dinner having purchased tons of raffle tickets and thinking to yourself, “I never win anything?” I have a friend that we have always said is the luckiest man alive. If there is a raffle, he wins. His name gets pulled out of a hat more than anyone I know.

Brian Tracy, author of “The Luck Factor”, says luck really is largely predictable. He says that research shows that we live in a universe governed by laws. Everything, especially luck, happens with absolute probability. And for \$69.95 Brian will teach you all the tricks of the trade that will help you attract luck like a magnet and become a master of your own destiny.

Or for _\$39.97 you may purchase the “Lucky Angel Coin” which is based on exact specifications of the original “Lucky Angel Coin.” (hurry because they only produced a very limited supply) The original coin apparently saved a nobleman from the guillotine when his coin reflected the sunlight in his jail cell so brilliantly that the guard broke into tears at the sight, unlocked the cell door, and let him escape. Purchasing the coin, which attracts love, money and good luck will transform you in 90 days. The best part...there is a money back guarantee.

Then there is the horseshoe which can be purchased from \$9.95 (chrome) to \$49.95 (24Kgold). The horseshoe was brought to the Western world in the 4th century by the Greeks. You hang it over your door with the ends up (“lest the luck would drain out) for luck. Later practical people moved it down a bit so it could serve two purposes.....door knocker and good luck charm.

How about the rabbit’s foot as a good luck charm. This has always interested me because it didn’t appear that it was too lucky for the rabbit. And there are lucky pennies, plants, bamboo, flowers, birds, amulets, potions, charms and who knows what else that will bring you luck. On further research I find that you can have good luck, bad luck, pure luck, hard luck, dumb luck, blind luck or beginners luck. You can go to a pot luck, Watch the “Joy Luck Club” or have the “luck ‘o the Irish (that requires wearing green, finding a four-leaf clover and kissing the blarney stone). You can also push your luck, have the luck of the draw, press your luck or stretch your luck and try your luck. You can be outta luck, have lotsa luck or “get lucky”.

So is this luck thing real? I found a book that written by Azriela Jaffe that aligns with my belief on luck. The book is called, “Create your own luck.” That I believe can be true. Here are the eight steps that can lead you in that direction. 1) Open your mind 2) Ask for what you want 3)Pay attention to your intuition 4) Respond to life’s trials with resiliency 5)Take yourself off the hook 6) Have patience in the right dose 7) Give and receive in equal measure 8)Focus on the positive. Makes you want to read more.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day and may the luck o the Irish be with you.....