

ASAC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Monday, April 12, 2021

Monday, April 12 and I am playing golf this week! Funny how that works, the forecast is snow, and we are looking forward to the Drive for the Stars Golf Tournament on Thursday.

In case you have not noticed I have been talking about my favorite words that begin with 'F' the last few weeks: frustrated, fearless and last week focused. In thinking about the word for this week, I came up empty and then it hit me. As in my opening comment the word that will shape my view this week is funny because, funny is a funny word. We laugh at a joke or story because it is funny. Or a more peculiar use of the word is to characterize it as funny because it is difficult to explain or understand. Something strange or odd. Like, playing golf while it is snowing, funny.

I challenge you to consider those things that you do not understand or are hard to explain as funny. It opens so many opportunities for discussion. "Dad, Tommy was talking about the birds and the bees today, what does that mean? Funny you should ask son?" Or an employee asks you, "What is my bonus for a job well done and while we are on the subject, I'm curious about a pay raise?" Funny, I was just thinking the same thing, sit down and let us talk this through." Your wife holds a scratch off ticket in her hand and she looks at you and asks, "What will we do if we win a million dollars?" You respond, "Now that is a funny question, I would buy a new truck!" She replies with, "Stop being funny, I am serious." Hmmm

Think 'funny' next time you are stuck in rush hour traffic, "why do they call it rush hour when nothing moves?"

Think 'funny' next time you are struggling with the pronunciation of a word and your grade schooler says sound it out phonetically. Funny, phonetically does not even start with an f and it occurs to you that is why aliens fly straight past us; now that is funny.

Funny is your first word response to every difficult question this week. Try it, I promise you it will buy you a bit of time and what follows are endless possibilities.

Back to golf this Thursday. You have today only to sign up for the Drive for the Stars Golf Tournament our annual legislative fundraiser. We are working hard to make this the best year in both fundraising and networking because we had to cancel the 2020 tournament. We have 130 golfers, we are shooting for 150, help us reach our goal. Details are in this issue of the President's Message.

ASAC has officially launched ASAC Outdoors 2021 Campaign that will take us through September, check out the save the dates in this issue and plan to join us outdoors over the next 6 months.

We are seeing more and more people getting the COVID vaccine. Whatever your decision, I thought it prudent to rerun an article put out by the ASAC Safety Committee, 'To Vaccinate or Not to Vaccinate.' Currently Colorado has administered over 3 million cumulative doses with over 1 million people fully immunized. We have also included the link to answer your questions about not only vaccinations, but the current level of protection required across Colorado and where we are on the road to normal.

Last and perhaps the most urgent, I encourage you to contact members of the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee today and ask for their support of HB21 1167 that caps private retainage at 5%. Details are included.

In closing, my final favorite 'F' words, Friday and Food and that is all I have to say on the subject. Make it a great week.