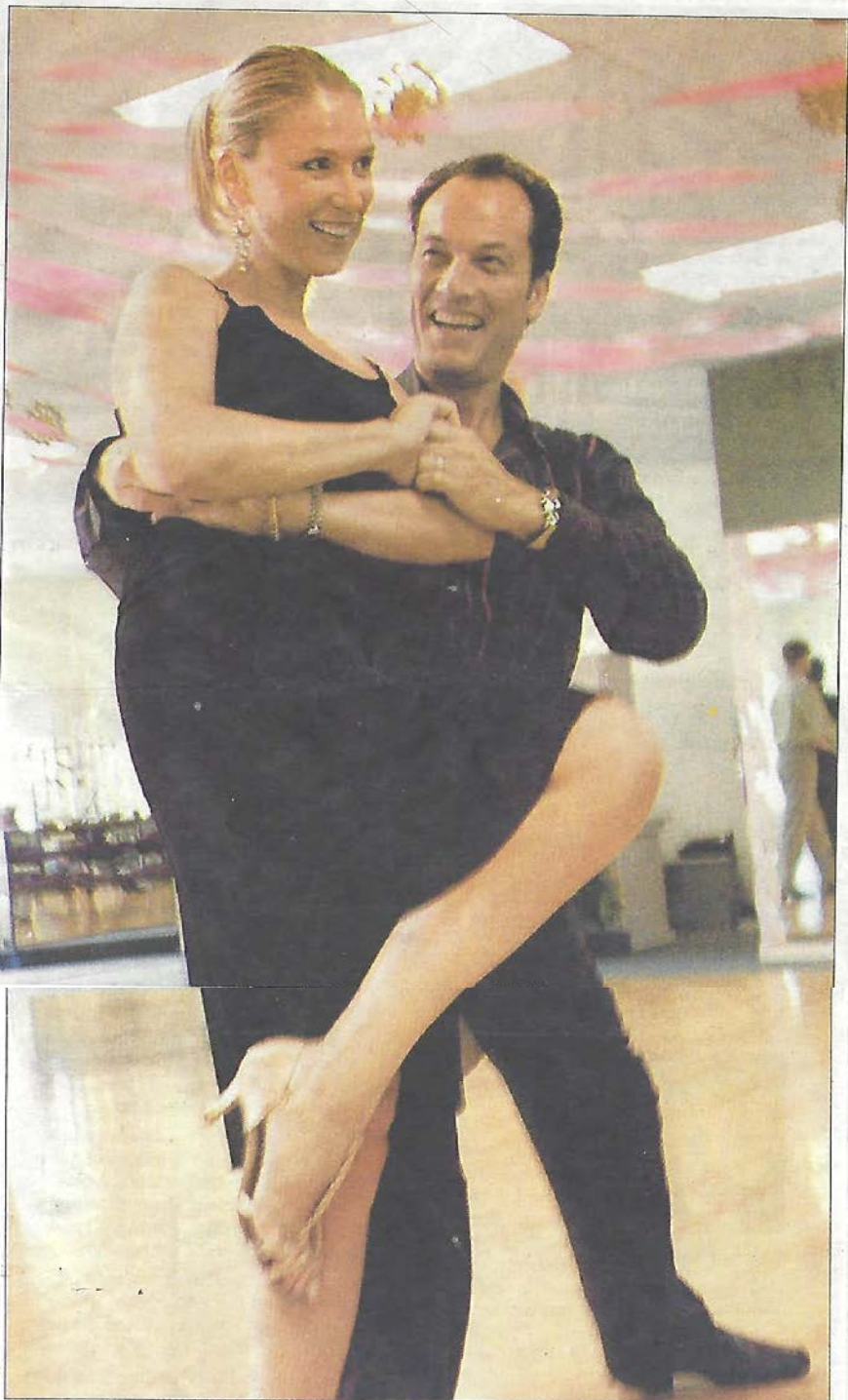


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Dancing with the stars

Krumm ready to make rumba an art form

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a six-part series about each of the Dancing with the Stars participants.

By Kristen Poppenhouse

The coordination Kira Krumm learned as a high school cheerleader is helping her learn her dance routine for *Dancing with the Stars*.

Krumm took dance lessons as a child, but has never had any professional lessons. She'll be dancing the rumba with Jim Clemens, the owner of Modern Steps School of Dance in Naples.

"I'm so fortunate to be

dancing with him. He's funny, inspiring and a good instructor ... It makes it a lot easier for me when you have a great partner," Krumm said.

Saturday, Aug. 12, in San Marco Catholic Church's community hall. Each dancer is raising money for a local charity and the star to raise the most money will be the winner.

Krumm chose a Latin dance because her husband is Latin and she wanted to learn a dance that they could do together. With 10 lessons

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Kira Krumm and dance instructor Jim Clemens show they will be competitive in the *Dancing with the Stars* fundraiser Aug. 12. Krumm is raising money for the Marco Island Foundation for the Arts. *Donn Brown/Staff*

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completed, she's learned the routine.

"I just have to practice my form and technique and hope I don't forget it," she said.

Krumm is raising money for the Marco Island Foundation for the Arts.

"My entire life is dedicated to art. My true passion is art," Krumm said.

The nonprofit organization began in 2003 and depends on volunteers. Last year, Krumm was the vice president of the organization and on the selection committee for the ArtQuest sculptures around Marco.

This year, she is the chairwoman for the visual arts committee.

"I feel like Marco is at a stage where we really need to



Kira Krumm

promote art and culture to enrich the community," she said.

Krumm said she looks forward to her dance lessons each

How to make a donation

In one night, seven organizations will benefit from *Dancing with the Stars*. The Aug. 12 event is sold out, but all of the dancers are still accepting donations for the respective charities:

- **Father Pat Boyhan (Catholic Charities of Collier County)**
Call Boyhan at 394-5181.
Make checks payable to: Catholic Charities of Collier County. Mail to: San Marco Catholic Church, 851 San Marco Road, Marco Island, FL 34145.
- **Sandy Franchino (Marco Island Charter Middle School and Tommie Barfield Elementary)**
Call Café de Marco at 394-6262 or Franchino at 860-8129. You can purchase a \$10.50/50 raffle ticket at Café de Marco, 244 Palm St.
- **Kira Krumm (Marco Foundation for the Arts)**
Call Krumm's office at 593-4413 and they can fax or e-mail a form to make a donation.
- **Arturo Perez (Marco Island YMCA)**
Call Perez at 389-1148.
Donations can be made at Arturo's Italian Restaurant, 844 Bald Eagle Drive; \$10 raffle tickets for a basket of surprises can be purchased at the restaurant and \$5 raffle tickets for a basket of surprises can be purchased at the YMCA, 101

week because it gives her a break from her interior-design business.

As for dancing in front of 275

people, she said she hopes she knows her routine well enough to have fun because she probably will never do it again.

Sandhill St. The drawing at both locations will be held Aug. 5.

- **Rick Popoff (Leukemia & Lymphoma Foundation)**
Call Popoff at 642-6690.

You can purchase a \$20 raffle ticket at Rick's Island Salon and Day Spa, 800 N. Collier Blvd., for \$250 worth of salon services. Make checks payable to Leukemia & Lymphoma Foundation.

- **Rhoda Rad (American Cancer Society)**
Call Rad at 642-0319.

Make checks payable to: American Cancer Society. Mail to: Rhoda Rad, 1782 Waterfall Court, Marco Island, FL 34145.

- **Star Studded Soiree**

This is a live-auction item on Aug. 12. The item is a dinner party for 10 guests at the winner's home. The meal will be prepared by the chefs of Arturo's and Café de Marco and will be paired with wine. The six local stars, Boyhan, Franchino, Krumm, Perez, Popoff and Rad, will do all the work, including service and cleanup.

All of the proceeds from the auction item will be divided among the six charities the stars are dancing for and the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce. The bid was \$5,000 on July 24 and the pre-bidding deadline is 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9.

"I love learning. I think it's so much fun," Krumm said. "I just don't know when I'd have that opportunity again."