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Diané Lesko Visits Pizzazz Salon At Kobosko's Crossing

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(Above) Inside the newly opened Pizzazz Salon at Kobosko's Crossing. (Left) Kristine works the deep conditioning treatment into Diané Lesko's hair. (Below) Kristine Marquez and Kristin Horne examine Diané's hair together.



(Left) Kristin gives dimension color to Diané's hair by adding highlights and lowlights.

Pizzazz was the first hair salon in Wellington, opening their doors in the original Wellington Mall 25 years ago. This month, co-owners Dennis and Kristine Marquez hosted Wellington Spa Experience winner Diané Lesko at their newest Pizzazz location in Kobosko's Crossing.

Diané was looking to be pampered for a day, eager to spend some time away from her busy schedule of working full time and going to school at night. She said she wasn't looking for a dramatic change of her current hairstyle. Diané said she likes her long locks, and she routinely colors her hair.

Kristine Marquez and Kristin Horne collaborated to make a plan for Diané, opting to add highlights and lowlights to give dimension to her color. "But first, we want to work on the condition of her hair. That's very important," Kristine said. "I would consider Diané's hair very fine and chemically distressed."

Kristin agreed and the duo set about a deep cleansing treatment to remove mineral deposits and other build up on Diané's hair. Then a custom blended cocktail of conditioners was painstakingly combed through Diané's long hair. "You need to work on long hair longer to make it feel healthy and shiny," Kristine explained.

After a few more conditioning steps, Diané's hair was dried, and she could feel the difference. "It feels like there's more life to it because it's thicker and softer," Diané said.

Then Kristin gave Diané highlights and lowlights, leaving the final styling touches until the end of Diané's spa experience, which continued with a facial.

Experience

Oksana Baiditcheva is a licensed aesthetician, but Pizzazz shuns the labels in favor of “service provider” to go along their team concept. “Instead of saying stylist, aesthetician or nail technician, we like use the term service provider,” Kristine said. “When you come into the salon, hopefully you feel like you’re being taken care of by everybody. You’re a Pizzazz guest, not just one person’s client.”

In the facial room, Oksana explained the facial to Diané. “Today we’re going to do a European facial, which includes cleansing, steam, exfoliation, extraction, massage and a mask for sensitive skin,” she said.

Oksana used a soft brush to paint on the exfoliating enzyme mask, which was used in conjunction with steam to remove dead skin cells and oil buildup, and open up the pores. Oksana also said the final mask would “rejuvenate, hydrate and revitalize” Diané’s sensitive skin. She finished the facial by applying anti-stress eye gel, lip cream and moisturizer, and treated Diané to even more massaging.

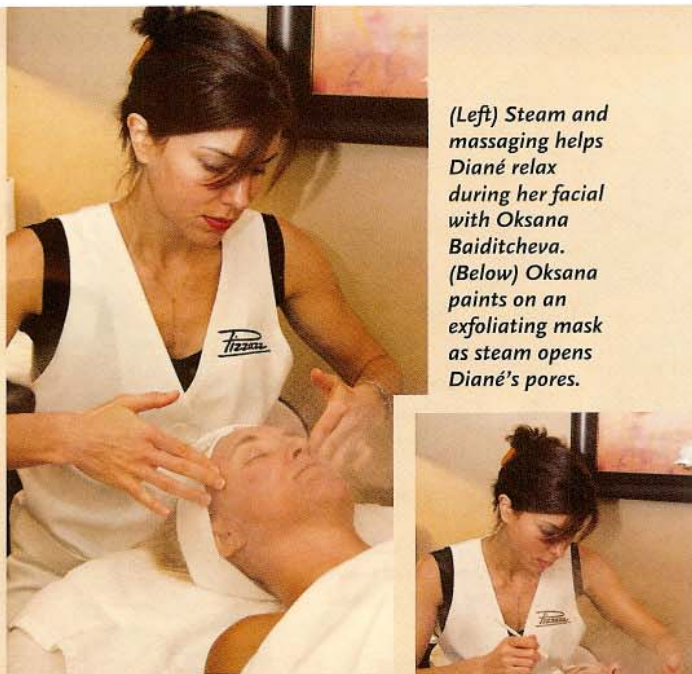
Diané said she especially enjoyed all the massaging of her face, shoulders, arms and hands. “That was definitely very relaxing,” she said.

Next up for Diané was a French manicure with Marnie Gersten. Marnie trimmed Diané’s nails to the desired length and shaped them with a file. She also gave Diané a cuticle treatment and trim, buffed her nails and massaged her hands with lotion. Marnie finished the manicure by painting Diané’s nails, and then added a drop of Drip Dry to each nail to help the polish dry. While Marnie worked, Sarah Hegharty joined with Kristine to blow dry and add some curl to Diané’s hair.

Diané rejoined Oksana for a pedicure in the Petra pedicure chair. The massaging chair is complete with a light that changes the color of the water in the whirlpool. “I love it,” Diané said, activating the massage action. As Oksana pampered Diané’s toes, Kristen and Sarah added a touch of makeup to give Diané a finished look.

One of the highlights of the pedicure was a raspberry foot scrub. “It smells really good,” Diané said. Instead of a French pedicure, Diané asked Oksana to choose a solid color for her toenails. She requested a purplish color instead of the usual red. “I have a red phobia,” Diané explained.

Oksana returned with an OPI color named Mauve-lous Memories. Diané was quite happy with the finished product. “I really like the color. It’s different than what I normally do,” Diané said. ▶



(Left) Steam and massaging helps Diané relax during her facial with Oksana Baiditcheva. (Below) Oksana paints on an exfoliating mask as steam opens Diané’s pores.



(Left) Oksana makes a few extractions during Diané’s facial.



(Above) Oksana also treated Diané to a massage of hands, arms, face and shoulders. (Below) Sarah Hegharty and Kristine work to curl and dry Diané’s hair while she gets a manicure from Marnie Gersten.



(Left) A close detail of Diané’s French manicure.



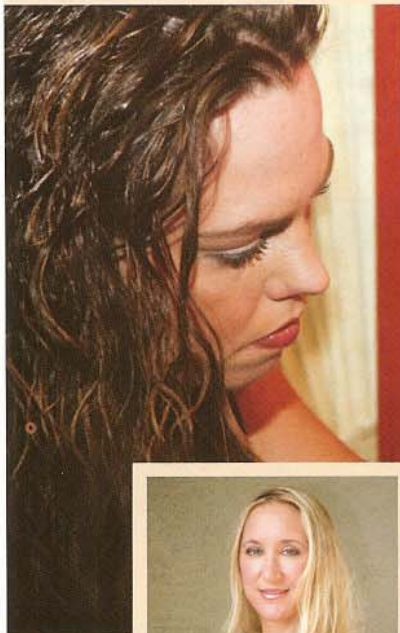


(Left) Diané relaxes in the pedicure chair as Oksana works.

(Below) Oksana paints Diané's toenails an OPI color named Mauve-lous Memories.



(Below) While Diané had her pedicure, Sarah applied Diané's makeup to give her a finished look.



(Above inset) Diané after her spa experience at Pizzazz Salon.

(Right) Dennis, Kristine, Oksana, Ken, Sarah, and Kristin of Pizzazz Salon at Kobosko's Crossing pose with Diané Lesko after her relaxing Wellington Spa Experience.



By the time Diané got up from the pedicure chair, her hair and makeup were also finished. "I feel relaxed, like I should go home and sleep instead of going to school tonight. And my skin feels great," Diané said.

The Kobosko's Crossing salon marks the sixth Pizzazz location for Dennis and Kristine since the couple opened their first salon in West Palm Beach's Village Commons 32 years ago.

"I feel blessed since the day we opened. This is our dream," Dennis said, nodding to his wife.

The couple first met when Dennis cut Kristine's hair. "It was love at first cut," Kristine said.

Their newest salon and spa measures 1,300 square feet, which is relatively small compared to other salons in the area, Dennis said. "It's like a Ferrari. The size doesn't matter, it's the quality," he said. "There's a lot of quality here, and I'm very happy with it."

Even as Pizzazz grows, Dennis and Kristine strive not to lose the hometown appeal. "I see us as a neighborhood salon," Dennis said. "People come in as a customer and leave as a member of the family."

Pizzazz Salon is located in Kobosko's Crossing on Forest Hill Blvd., just east of State Road 7. Call (561) 793-7373 for an appointment. ■