

My Stuff

KARLA PEREIRA

Karla Pereira was near-sighted as a youngster and began wearing eyeglasses all the time when she was no older than 7. Her eye doctor used to tell her that her eyes were so bad that she could see the big "E" on the eye chart without any assistance ... but everything else was just a blur.

Perhaps her sight wasn't *that* bad, but it was no surprise to learn that she was eager to know more about laser eye surgery when she first heard about it seven years ago. She put aside her interest when she soon discovered that many patients suffered post-surgery pain.

In 2001, she again looked into the operation, and by then, people she knew who had undergone the procedure provided positive reports, noting "remarkable differences" within only a few hours. Her investigation that included reading, pricing, and "looking around" continued, and by February 2003, she was ready to undergo the procedure.

Her vision was, as expected, somewhat fuzzy for a few hours following the surgery, but she had a good idea that the operation was a success the following snowy morning when, awakening from her bed, she could see read the crawl line on her 26-inch television informing her which schools were closed for the day.

Asked if she had any pre-surgery fears regarding her bowling, Pereira said that there was "more of a fear pertaining to my *sight!*" However, she assumed that her improved vision would allow her to see her targets better, and it has, so she believes the surgery was most helpful for her game.

Who's to argue? She finished last season with a high average of 200 for 105 games in the Bottom Liners league at AMF Capital Plaza.

Read more about Karla Pereira's laser surgery at ncaba.org.

ON THE LANES

Bowling Ball: **MORICH** • Bowling Shoes: **DYNAROOS**
Bowling Accessory: **ROBBY'S**

HOME

Where do you live? **ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**
Car: **INFINITI G35** • Refrigerator: **MAYTAG**
Dishwasher: **GENERAL ELECTRIC** • Stove: **HOTPOINT**
Washer/Dryer: **ADMIRAL** • Laundry Detergent: **TIDE**
Sheets: **ANY BRAND WITH A THREAD COUNT OF 400 OR HIGHER**

BEAUTY PRODUCTS

Nail Polish: **OPI** • Soap: **DOVE**
Toothpaste: **CREST** • Mouthwash: **LISTERINE**
Bath Accessories: **BATH & BODY WORKS LOTION AND SHOWER GEL**
Shampoo: **ONLY MY HAIRDRESSER KNOWS FOR SURE!**

CLOTHING, ETC.

Jeans: **CALVIN KLEIN OR RALPH LAUREN**
Sneakers: **NIKE, ADDIAS, PONY, NEW BALANCE— I HAVE 20 TO 25 PAIR!**
Dress Shoes: **NINE WEST** • Watch: **SKAGON OR BULOVA**
Purse: **9 & COMPANY** • Sportswear: **RUSSELL**
Windbreaker: **OLD NAVY** • Luggage: **PROTOCOL**

ELECTRONICS

Cell Phone: **MOTOROLA** • Computer: **DELL**
Internet Service Provider: **MSN** • Television: **JVC, MAGNAVOX**
Stereo: **SONY** • Camera: **CANON**

BEVERAGES

Soft Drink: **PEPSI** • Bottled Water: **DEER PARK**
Cocktail: **BAHAMA MAMA**

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE WORLD

LAS VEGAS

NECESSARY EXTRAVAGANCE

I NEVER MISS MY BIWEEKLY HAIR AND NAIL APPOINTMENTS

