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The Krapf family
carried generations
of Swiss and Czech
tradition into a new
chapter here in
The Moorings

DELIVERING NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS



A HERITAGE CARRIED FAR, A HOME FOUND HERE

THEIR STORY BEGAN IN SWITZERLAND. TERESA WAS BORN IN PRAGUE BEFORE GROWING UP IN SWITZERLAND, WHILE LUKAS WAS BORN AND RAISED IN SWITZERLAND. THE TWO MET WHILE STUDYING DENTISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BASEL AND THE REST IS HISTORY. READ ON FOR INSPIRATION AND TRADITIONS.

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Teresa and Lukas Krapf-Dobr never imagined that one day they would trade snowy Swiss winters for palm trees, Gulf sunsets, luxury real estate, and children running through Naples shouting, “The candy man is coming!” Yet somehow, that unexpected combination perfectly reflects their family story: adventurous, hardworking, unconventional, and always driven by passion, curiosity, and family.

Today, Teresa and Lukas live in The Moorings together with their three daughters, Leonie (15), Meline (13), and Delia (12). While their life in Naples may now feel natural, the road that brought them here spans continents, professions, generations of family history, and more than a few surprising twists.

During the final years of dental school, they were paired together as a clinical team, spending long days working side by side. What began as friendship slowly turned into something much deeper and, from those university years on, they have navigated every stage of life side by side, supporting one another through challenges, opportunities, successes, and new adventures.

Even during the intense university years, humor was always part of their relationship. One memory still makes them laugh decades later. During a practical dental exercise involving a heavily bearded patient, they somehow managed to get plaster throughout the man’s beard instead of neatly completing the assignment. The moment became legendary among classmates and perfectly captured the balance between seriousness and humor that still defines them today.

The Krapf family name itself carries a remarkable history reaching back into the Middle Ages. According to family history, Krapf ancestors were known as specialized



Krapf Family Crest

wild boar hunters. The horn displayed in the family crest originates from the special hunting horn these hunters used, known as a “Krapf.” Over generations, the family name became associated with strength, resilience, and determination. Their family

history also includes a famous missionary ancestor who worked in Kenya nearly 200 years ago, reflecting a spirit of adventure and openness to the world that Teresa and Lukas still feel strongly connected to today.

After graduating, Teresa and Lukas built successful careers in Switzerland and worked as dentists for more than 25 years. Beyond operating their own practices, both became deeply involved in education and professional development within Swiss dentistry. They mentored dental assistants and young dentists and were passionate about maintaining the exceptionally high standards and professionalism for which Swiss dentistry is internationally respected.

Teresa’s professional journey also extended far beyond Europe. For nearly two years, she performed volunteer dental work throughout some of the most

remote rural areas of Asia, including Singapore, Cambodia, Thailand, and Indonesia. Often working in very modest settings far away from larger cities, those experiences profoundly shaped her perspective on gratitude, adaptability, and the importance of human connection.

Alongside dentistry, Teresa and Lukas also owned and operated a hair and cosmetic salon in Switzerland. At the same time, they were active in real estate investments and development projects long before moving to Florida. Real estate, architecture, and design had always been passions they shared together.

Throughout the years, they traveled extensively across Europe, especially Italy, France, England, and Germany, often drawing inspiration from elegant architecture, boutique hotels, timeless interiors, and historic homes. Design was never simply to them. It was about atmosphere, craftsmanship, emotion, and how spaces make people feel.

Over time, the family found themselves returning to Naples more and more often. What initially attracted them was the beauty of Southwest Florida, but eventually it became something deeper. Naples offered a rare blend of elegance, warmth, safety, opportunity, and lifestyle that felt increasingly difficult to ignore.

Eventually, they made the life-changing decision to leave behind their very secure and comfortable life in Switzerland in pursuit of a new future for their family, and especially for their daughters.

The transition was exciting, but not always easy. Their true passion had always been real estate and development. However, obtaining a visa through real estate wasn't possible. So, in true entrepreneurial fashion, they adapted. As part of building their new life in America and fulfilling visa requirements, Teresa and Lukas created a vending machine business throughout Naples. Today, their machines are spread across the city, and despite everything, they maintain them.

The family especially loves the reactions from children whenever Lukas arrives to stock a machine. Kids often yell excitedly from across the room, "The candy man is coming!" Teresa and Lukas still laugh about the irony that after spending decades as dentists encouraging patients to avoid sugar, they somehow ended up in the candy business. Life, as they like to say, clearly has a sense of humor.



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What began as a practical immigration solution unexpectedly became another meaningful family adventure and an important chapter in their American story.

Perhaps the part of their journey they are most proud of, however, is how beautifully their daughters embraced the transition. As a family, they have learned that starting over in a new country brings not only excitement, but also unexpected challenges.

This past year, the family faced one of the most difficult moments of their lives when Teresa was suddenly diagnosed with lung cancer, completely out of the blue. She underwent a major and very demanding surgery, an experience that deeply affected the entire family. Yet throughout it all, Teresa showed extraordinary strength, positivity, and grace. Unless she openly spoke about it herself, nobody would ever have guessed what she had been going through.

Rather than looking back, Teresa has continued to focus forward with optimism, resilience, and gratitude. For Lukas and their daughters, her strength became an inspiration and another reminder of how important family, perspective, and togetherness truly are.

Leonie, Meline, and Delia all began their school journey in Naples at St. Ann



Catholic School before later moving to the Community School of Naples. Today, all three girls have fully integrated into life in Florida and, as their parents proudly say, have become true Floridians.

Academically and personally, they have flourished. Leonie is ambitious, focused, academically driven, and enjoys golf and leadership activities. Meline is highly independent, thoughtful, very creative, and determined in everything she does. Delia brings humor, endless curiosity, and a love for reading and math into everyday family life, and wants to become an astronaut.

For Teresa and Lukas, watching their daughters grow into confident, kind, and adaptable young personalities in a completely new country has been one of the most rewarding parts of their journey.



Gardening in the back yard

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Professionally, Teresa and Lukas have fully stepped into what has long been their true passion through Krapf Group, affiliated with RE 1 Advisor. Today they specialize in luxury real estate in Naples, particularly in their neighborhood the Moorings. Their philosophy, "European Precision. Naples Luxury Living," reflects not only their background, but also their approach to life and business. They value attention to detail, discretion, honesty, aesthetics, and highly personalized service. Having personally experienced international relocation themselves, they especially enjoy helping clients who are moving from other states or countries and guiding them through the process of building a new life in Naples.

Outside of work, family remains at the center of everything they do. Teresa and Lukas both love gardening



and especially enjoy creating their own vegetable and herb gardens. Cooking is an important part of daily life in their home, and they love using fresh ingredients grown in their own garden whenever possible. Almost every evening, fresh meals are prepared at home so the family can gather around the table together, reconnect, and enjoy time with one another despite busy schedules.

Teresa is also known within the family as an exceptional baker, creating homemade breads, elegant desserts, and the beloved traditional Swiss Sunday braid bread called "Zopf," which has become a cherished family ritual.

When asked about the biggest cultural differences between Europe and America, they immediately smile. One of the things they appreciate most about Americans is their openness and

friendliness. In Naples especially, people naturally smile, greet one another, and begin conversations effortlessly.

At the same time, certain cultural habits initially caused confusion. Early on, they were often surprised and slightly unsure how to respond when people casually asked, "How you doin'?" while already continuing to walk away. In Europe, that question is usually interpreted much more literally and often leads to a conversation. Today, those little cultural differences are simply part of what they love about living in America.

What they love most about the Moorings is the feeling the neighborhood creates. The tree-lined streets, proximity to the beach, elegant homes, peaceful atmosphere, and strong sense of community makes it one of the most special places in Naples. For the Krapf family, evenings at the beach watching the sunset together have become some of life's simplest and most meaningful moments.

For Teresa and Lukas, their life today represents far more than simply moving countries or changing careers. It represents courage, reinvention, family, and the willingness to take risks in pursuit of a dream.

Most of all, they are grateful. Grateful for their daughters, their friendships, the opportunities they have been given, and the chance to build a meaningful life together in such an extraordinary place.



809 Wedge Drive

Perfectly positioned along a tranquil waterfront setting with highly sought-after western exposure, this newly completed residence in The Moorings embodies refined coastal living at its finest. | TERESA AND LUKAS KRAPP



Thoughtfully designed by Moorings residents Teresa and Lukas Krapp-Dobr and beautifully furnished in collaboration with Clive

Daniel Home, the residence offers more than 7,200 square feet, featuring five en-suite bedrooms, including a luxurious primary suite and VIP guest suite on the main level, a private office, four-car garage, elevator, and spacious entertaining areas throughout.

At the heart of the home is a stunning European-style kitchen complete with premium Miele and Sub-Zero appliances, hidden pantry, double ovens, built-in coffee system, dual wine coolers, and refined custom finishes. White European oak flooring, shell stone accents, Lutron lighting, Sonos sound system, and bespoke millwork elevate every space with understated elegance.

The outdoor living areas include expansive covered lanais, two fireplaces, outdoor kitchen and bar, retractable screens and shutters, a resort-style pool and spa, and a built-in gas fire pit overlooking peaceful lake and golf course views.

