

## **Lifestyle #9-Jan Ruhe Live in Austria**

Bill and I hosted a dinner party in Vienna, Austria the first night there. The PowerTeam earners were all over the hotel! They were so excited to have landed in Austria full of hopes and dreams, being recognized from the moment they arrived. It was fun to party with everyone late into the night, as we all could not sleep from jetlag.

### **Salzburg, Austria**

Thanks to PowerTeam NSD, Beth Douglas for organizing a fun bus tour from Vienna to Salzburg. We had a guide and all went 3 hours together by bus through the Alps to this charming little town. This is where the Sound of Music was filmed that was so inspirational to many of us through the years. We went to visit where the Von Trapp family actually lived, and to the shopping lanes of Salzburg. We visited where Mozart was raised and even got to see his authentic instruments he played.

We returned to Vienna the same night. It was so nice to be on the bus with distributors that I don't get to talk to face to face very often and to spend time with their mothers, spouses and children.

### **South Vienna Woods, Austria**

Thanks for Canadian PowerTeam member Jenn Clements for organizing a fun bus tour to the Vienna Woods. We visited an old monastery and the vineyards and even a medieval town. It was even more special because we got to have a private lunch with Cathy and Rick Walker. How fun! We returned back to Vienna in the afternoon.

### **The Grand Ball at the Imperial Palace in Vienna**

Can you imagine walking into a beautiful Imperial Palace to go up red carpets finally reaching the ballroom where so many hundreds of dignitaries around the world have enjoyed dining and dancing? I wore the fabulous outrageous boa coat on stage being introduced as one of the only Diamond distributors in the history of Discovery Toys. We hosted a fun table of earners and the ultimate for me for the night was when Pam Lehman who sat at my right, was surprised and introduced and recognized as the Woman of the Year in Discovery Toys! Now that was so exciting! She has only been in DT for a few years and earned every category to be named Woman of the Year. This was also Carrie Leader's first time to be at an event announced as a PowerTeam National Sales Director. So it was very special for them. We had a great rock and roll band and the PowerTeam took over the entire huge stage to dance the night away. We were the last ones dancing in the entire ballroom! What a fun memory to see everyone having such a great time that they EARNED!

### **A Magical Evening-A Taste of Austria, for Jan Ruhe's Directs only**

Most everyone departed the following morning but a group of the top distributors direct to me in the USA and Canada. It was my joy and pleasure to treat top distributors in our organization to lavish private dinner and their hotel rooms for the night in Vienna. We started the party by having champagne in the wine cellar taking all kinds of photos. Then we went on to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor up some stairs to our elegant dining room with a fountain, soft

music playing and a beautiful candelabra. I decorated the table in authentic Austrian decorations and had shipped from Aspen, thanks to my personal shopper Amen Wardy, fabulous brocade monkeys for each distributor and also had special made menus for the evening made ahead of time. We toasted the night away and talked about the future and plans and schemes and dreams. It was so special. It was my favorite night of the trip. There could not have been a more perfect group of distributors together in the history of my Successline. They all are so loyal to me and to each other and to our team. They are the locomotives who pull my entire team in Discovery Toys.

A special thank you to Pam Evans, Amy Nunnely, Kathy Roland Smith, Jane Blackford, Teri Dinnius, Gail Boehm, Melynda Lilly and Cathy Walker for the outstanding contribution that make to our PowerTeam. It was so very special to have your spouses and daughters spend this magical evening with us!

We departed for the hotel, had nightcaps together and said our goodbyes. The next morning, Bill and I departed via train for Munich, Germany!