

Riverview Resident Herbert St. Goar Honored in St. Goar, Germany

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When Mayor Walter Mallman of St. Goar, Germany, received a copy of Chattanooga **Herbert St. Goar's** recent autobiography, *Taking Stock Of My Life*, he immediately began to make exciting plans, inviting St. Goar and his wife, **Maria**, to visit the town where St. Goar's ancestors lived a few hundred years ago. The longtime Riverview couple accepted the invitation, planning their trip to coincide with the town's traditional annual fireworks presentation, "The Rhine in Flames."

When Herbert and Maria arrived in Germany, they were surprised to learn that Herbert was being honored at a banquet, because his ancestors had been prominent merchants in this Rhine River city almost two centuries



Herbert & Maria St. Goar at Castle Rheinfels

ago, and Herbert is a direct descendant of **Lazarus Wolf-St.Goar**, who was mayor of the town of St. Goar, from April 9, 1800, until April 9, 1805. At a festive dinner, the mayor presented his Chattanooga guest with a "Plate of Honor of St. Goar" and a detailed history of the St. Goar family they had researched and put together in his honor.

While in the city, the St. Goars enjoyed the fireworks display, which they viewed from a large boat, along with officials of St. Goar and other nearby towns. During his visit, St. Goar visited the town whose name his ancestors had adopted in the 17th century, when they moved from St. Goar to Frankfurt/Main. The town's hospitality was very heartwarming, according to the St. Goars.

Although his ancestors were from St. Goar, Herbert was born in Hamburg, and lived there until he emigrated to the United States in 1938. He returned to Germany during World War II with the United States Armed Forces, in which he served as Section Chief of Intelligence for the Military Government for Bavaria in Munich. St. Goar served as President and CEO of the Dixie Saving Stores, Inc. for 30 years, until his retirement in 1998. He resides in Chattanooga with his wife, Maria. Son, **Edward**, daughter-in-law, **Rebecca**, and grandchildren, **Julia** and **Carl**, also live in Chattanooga, while daughter, **Elisabeth**, and her family live in Greensboro, North Carolina. Herbert St. Goar's book *Taking Stock Of My Life* was published in 2000.

メヒテルトが夫ヘルベルトの父祖の地セント・ゴア市(ライン河畔)を共に訪問した折の新聞報道。父祖は約 200 年前の市長を務めた富豪。ヒトラーのフィルム公開と自伝を期に調査が行われた結果である。