

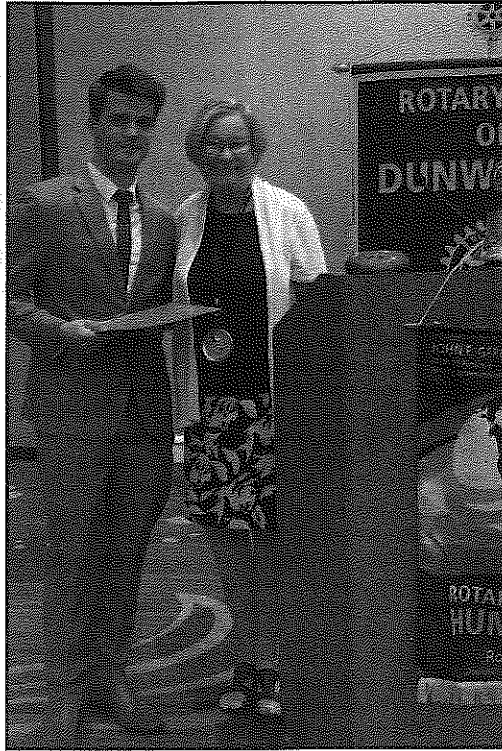
South African named Rotary Scholar

South African native Marc Barro Gevers was named the Rotary Club of Dunwoody's 2016-2017 Georgia Rotary Student Program's Scholar.

The 23-year-old will attend Oglethorpe University for nine months and hopes to "soak up" American culture. The program began in 1945 with the goal of world peace. Each year many of the clubs in Georgia bring a student to study and learn about America. The host club pays tuition for Oglethorpe enrollment and provides a host family.

Rotarian David Gordon, Dunwoody resident and a native South African himself, is hosting Marc.

After high school, this year's student studied engineering for 2.5 years in South Africa and is 18 months away from receiving his degree in law. His ultimate goal is to become a novelist and, accordingly, he will study



Marc Barro Gevers, student from South Africa and Rotary Club of Dunwoody President, Tina Philpot

creative writing at Oglethorpe. He hails from a family of highly-educated parents and siblings.

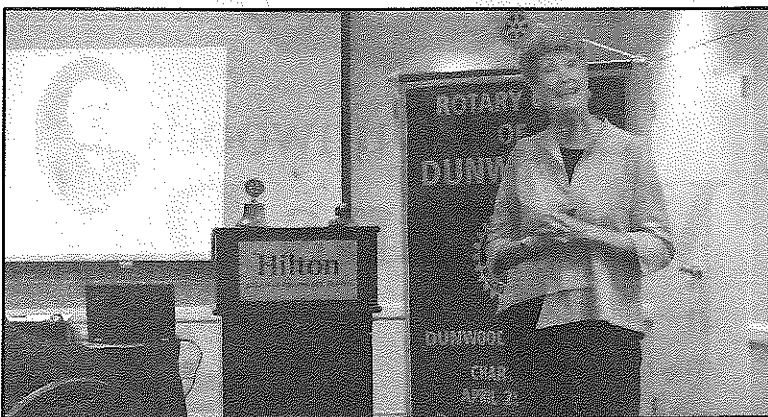
At the Rotary meeting on Aug. 19, Gevers gave a brief history, with video, of his home country, highlighting the role of sports, namely rugby, in healing the country of Apartheid under the leadership of Nelson Mandela.

His home Rotary club, the Club of Johannesburg, is the oldest in South Africa, which is known as the Rainbow nation because it has so many cultures and 11 official languages. Gevers' home language is English but he also speaks Zulu,

Afrikaans, German, French, and a little Portuguese. He plays the guitar, the piano, and the harmonica; likes to read; plays squash; and enjoys jogging.

While he is here, Gevers hopes to attend football and baseball games and visit Civil War Museums.

Local author presents to Rotary



Dunwoody/Sandy Springs resident Lee Dunn, a passionate researcher of Southern history, including landscape and genealogy for 20 years, spoke to the Rotary Club of Dunwoody about the amazing great grandfather of her husband. Her research is included in her book, "Cracking the Solid South, The Life of Major John Fletcher Hanson, Father of Georgia Tech." Born in 1840 in Barnesville, he joined the 53rd Georgia cavalry in Virginia in 1861. When he returned from the war, he brought a bride with him and settled in Macon. After the Panic of 1873 brought a devastating recession to the area, he opened a factory in 1876 but could find no skilled workers in the South. Consequently, he bought the Macon Telegraph to try to attract factory workers to the South. Dunn's book is for sale, and all the profits go to the Georgia Tech Foundation.