

Book released to mark 90 years of RC Bombay

Team Rotary News

Inspired by the words of Rotary's founder Paul Harris, which stressed upon the value of a "good Rotary book", Rotary Club of Bombay, RID 3141, has put together a book illustrating its history of 90 years titled 'A Living Legacy'. The book was released



Chairperson of Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives Rajashree Birla at the book launch with PRIP Kalyan Banerjee, TRF Trustee Gulam Vahanvaty, DG Shashi Sharma and RC Bombay President Vijay Jatia.

by the Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development Chairperson Rajashree Birla at a glittering event presided over by Maharashtra Governor C Vidyasagar Rao.

The club's president, Vijay Jatia, said he was a Rotarian for seven

years and his life had "changed" once he joined Rotary. PRIP Kalyan Banerjee and RID 3141 DG Shashi Sharma participated in the event. A short movie, giving a glimpse of the world of Rotary, was shown at the meeting. ■

Giving them dignity

The residents of MGR Nagar in Pattamadai village in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu are a happy lot as RC Tinnevely, RID 3212, has gifted all the 38 households with a toilet. The colony with 70 households is now open-defecation-free, beams the club's TRF Grants Chair P Satheeshkumar. The village is famous for its flexible and soft mats woven from *korai* grass (reed plant).

The toilets costing \$40,458 were completed with the support of a global grant involving RCs La Crosse Valley, La Crosse Downtown, RID 6250, USA, and TRF.

PDG Dr Chinnadurai Abdullah addressed the beneficiary families and resourcepersons from the Government Medical College, Tirunelveli, and educated them on the maintenance of toilets and the health hazards of open defecation.



PDG Chinnadurai Abdullah (sixth from right) and RC Tinnevely President P Chockalingam with beneficiaries.

Last year the club had constructed toilet blocks and handwash stations, and provided a sanitary napkin incinerator to the 125-year-old Ramaseshier School, adjacent to the colony. These are benefitting nearly 500 boys and 250 girls. "That was one of our commemorative projects to celebrate our club's 75-year milestone

last year," says Satheeshkumar. Back then the club had the support of the same international partners and "so impressed were our US partners Sondra and Roger Legrand, who had visited the project site for the inauguration of the toilets in the school that they organised a fundraiser on their return to the US," he adds. ■