



WORKSHOP

Rotary International 2008 Convention

Los Angeles Convention Centre

Monday, June 16th, 2008

2:00 - 3:00pm Room 515B

(arrive at 1:45pm since room only seats 675 people)

"New Frontiers of Microfinance"

Hosted by: RAGM President, PDG Steve Rickard

Starring:

Phil Smith - Speaker #1

Co-author of the best seller, A BILLION BOOTSTRAPS, the book details how microcredit institutions – “barefoot bankers” – arrange tiny loans, sometimes as little as \$25, so families can break free of hunger and other painful shortages. Using a very small amount of money, people are empowered to work their way out of poverty by expanding or starting neighborhood businesses and services. Through microcredit, donors, borrowers, and microcredit staff become partners in solving complex problems and meeting shared goals.

Christopher Crane - Speaker #2

President and Chief Executive Officer:



Opportunity International

GIVING THE POOR A WORKING CHANCE

Lynn McMullen - Speaker #3

Lynn McMullen is currently a Department of Peace National Campaign Coordinator for the Peace Alliance, working on national hunger and poverty legislation for over 20 years. In addition she has co-founded a new non-profit and launched an initiative in South Africa to bring microfinance to AIDS orphans and vulnerable youth in rural areas of KwaZulu Natal. Lynn also serves on the Grameen Foundation Board of Directors.