

National Speakers Association Honors Peter Legge with Philanthropy Award

(TEMPE, Ariz. 2005) The National Speakers Association (NSA), the leading organization for professional speakers, honored Peter Legge with the Nido Qubein Philanthropist of the Year Award at NSA's 2005 Convention, July 9-12, in Atlanta, Ga.

The Nido Qubein Philanthropist of the Year Award is presented annually by the NSA Foundation to honor individuals who have made a significant contribution in our world by being examples of philanthropy and stewardship. The awards purpose is to acknowledge those individuals inside and outside of the National Speakers Association who demonstrate the power of giving for the sake of giving with no expectation of getting anything in return. Nido Qubein, CSP, CPAE, is the founder and chairman emeritus of the NSA Foundation and is dedicated to further this and other programs designed to help and educate people.

Legge began his professional publishing career more than 35 years ago and has been the CEO of Canada Wide Magazine and Communications, the largest independently-owned publishing company in western Canada for 30 years. He is a speaker, consultant and the best-selling author of the books: *How to Soar with the Eagles* and *The Runway of Life*.

Legge was honored with an Honorary Doctorate of Law Degree from Simon Fraser University for assisting in raising \$20 million for charitable organizations. For more than 25 years he has been the co-host for the Vancouver Annual Variety Club, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising money for special needs children and more than \$100 million has been raised during that time. Legge has also helped raise \$35 million for charities such as Canadian Red Cross, The Salvation Army, Young Life of Canada and the Mental Health Association of British Columbia.

"It is an incredible honor for me to receive the Nido Qubein Philanthropic Award," says Legge. "Raising money and awareness for a variety of deserving charities and organizations has been, and remains, a lifelong passion for me. But I am particularly proud to be recognized by the National Speakers Association for serving my city and country. For me and my family, there is no greater calling."

Legge is an active member of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers (CAPS) and Toastmasters International. He was inducted into the speakers hall of fame of both the Canadian Speakers Association and the National Speakers Association. He was also named one of the top speakers in north America and received the Golden Gavel Award from Toastmasters International.

The NSA Foundation www.nsaspeaker.org/about/foundation.shtml is the charitable arm of NSA. The Foundation serves members and the public through financial help for NSA members and their families who are facing health or natural disaster emergencies, grants to NSA members who need help with their dues or meeting registration fees, scholarships for speech and communications students and professors and grants to help charitable organizations communicate through technology.

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