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## **Toastmasters' Top Honor Goes to Local Leadership Expert Bruce Tulgan**

**Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. (July 2009)** – Leadership expert and best-selling author Bruce Tulgan of New Haven, Conn., has been selected as the 2009 recipient of Toastmasters International's Golden Gavel Award.

The Golden Gavel is the most prestigious award offered by Toastmasters International, a worldwide nonprofit organization teaching public speaking and leadership skills. The award has been presented once a year since 1959 to a distinguished individual in the fields of communication and leadership. Past recipients include Walter Cronkite, Stephen Covey, Zig Ziglar, the Rev. Robert Schuller, Dr. Joyce Brothers, Deepak Chopra, Debbi Fields, Anthony Robbins, Ken Blanchard and many others.

For the past decade, Tulgan has been an advisor to business leaders around the world. As the founder and chairman of RainmakerThinking, based in New Haven, he has helped thousands of companies train their employees. Tulgan is regarded as one of the top experts on the subject of young people in the workplace, and he has authored or co-authored 17 books published around the world in different languages, including *Managing Generation X*, *It's Okay to be the Boss* and his newest book, *Not Everyone Gets a Trophy: How to Manage Generation Y*. An attorney before founding RainmakerThinking in 1993, he is married to Pulitzer Prize-winning author Debby Applegate.

Tulgan will accept the Golden Gavel at a luncheon in his honor on Thursday, August 13, at the MGM Grand at Foxwoods in Mashantucket, Connecticut, during the Toastmasters International Convention. The public is invited to register and attend this event.

Toastmasters International has helped 4 million people develop their public speaking skills since the organization's humble beginning in Santa Ana, Calif., in 1924. This year, Toastmasters celebrates its 85th anniversary with more than 250,000 members in 106 countries.

For information about Bruce Tulgan or the Toastmasters convention events, visit [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org) or e-mail [pr@toastmasters.org](mailto:pr@toastmasters.org).

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