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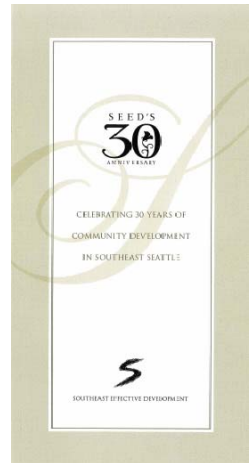
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Pictured from L to R: Lew Banchemo, Seattle Mayor Nickels, Dick Shavey, Michael Lamb, Scott Kirkpatrick, Virginia Kenyon, King County Executive Norm Rice, and former Washington Governor Gary Locke.

SEED's, a Seattle non-profit organization, honored Michael B. Lamb as a founding member at its thirty-year anniversary on October 13, 2005.

The celebration was presented by former Seattle Mayor Norm Rice and the honorees were introduced by Seattle Mayor Nickels, King County Executive - Ron Sims,



Rainier Chamber President – Darryl Smith and former Washington Governor, Gary Locke.

Mr. Lamb was recognized for his work as a community activist along with several others including; Lew Banchemo, Dick Shavey and Jerry Banchemo, for their vision to promote Southeast Seattle and encourage positive development of the area.

In 1974, the group would meet weekly to brainstorm together on how to form an incorporated non-profit community organization that would qualify for block grant funds. The acronym "SEED", which stands for South East Effective Development, was coined by Michael Lamb.

The founding member's primary goal was to work with City Hall, and officials to present the issues that were plaguing the Southeast Seattle and endear them to dedicate funds towards the revitalization, rebuilding and promote economic development of area. This was accomplished by stressing the importance of grant funding by presenting a realistic vision for change in Southeast Seattle.

During SEED's 30-years as a non-profit corporation, it has successfully secured assets and provided funding needed to assure continuity and growth. Since the organization was founded in 1974, it has brought more than \$200 million into the Rainier Valley for community economic development, affordable housing, and art projects.



Pictured from L to R: Lew Banchemo, Dick Chavey, Michael Lamb – CEO/President of Lamb Hanson Lamb Appraisal Associates, Inc., Scott Kirkpatrick, Rainier Chamber President – Darryl Smith

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