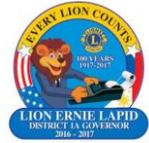




**District 1-A Lions
Lions Clubs International
Governor Ernie Lapid**



Lions of District 1-A,

On May 7th, at the final cabinet meeting of the 2015-2016 year, the District 1-A Cabinet voted to apply for a matching \$100,000 LCIF Standard Grant to extend the rich history between the Chicago Lighthouse and the District 1-A Lions.

The LCIF board approved this grant request this past week. Our District 1-A Lions Legacy of service, serving those in need, along with the continued services provided by our partners in service the Chicago Lighthouse. This latest grant will meet the needs of the largest population of visually impaired, our seniors.

The construction project will renovate existing space on the west side of the Lighthouse current facility, located on the campus of the University of Illinois Medical Center. A central feature of the renovation will be a tribute to the District 1-A Lions through the construction of a Visitors Center focusing on the Legacy of service of the District 1-A Lions with the Lighthouse. A west side entrance to the building will be included to facilitate access to the new Senior Center. A modern seniors computer lab, and training program will be added to insure that older Americans can communicate with family, conduct computer based shopping, and for reducing isolation through increasing online opportunities to socialize with family and friends. A music room and other recreational and fitness activities will be housed in the newly renovated space along with space to accommodate large groups for meetings that will seat up to 100 guest for lectures related to blindness associated to aging, presentations on new low vision device technology, and independent living devices available through the Strickfaden Assistive Device Center. As, in the past the meeting space will be available for District 1-A Lions meetings of all kinds.

Lions, please have your board of directors get your clubs involved with this most worthy project. When we were approved for our matching grant, the clock started on the Lions of District 1-A to match the \$100,000 grant received. We have six months to collect our half to receive the \$100,000 from LCIF.

Janet Szlyk, Jim Kesteloot and the staff of the Lighthouse are available to speak at Region or Club Meetings about this project.

Donations should be made to the Chicago Lighthouse, 1850 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL., 60608, earmarked for the LCIF matching grant for the Senior Center.

Yours in Service,

Lion Ernie Lapid
Governor, District 1-A

Lion Ralph Zarada
IPDG, District 1-A

Lion Dan O'Reilly
PID, District 1-A