Zone 2 Meeting Report

September 8, 2026 | Hosted by the Plant City Lions Club

The first Zone 2 meeting of the 2026–2027 Lions year was held on September 8, 2026, and hosted by the Plant City Lions Club. Sixteen Lions representing five clubs attended, with an additional club submitting an update. Zone Chair Bridget Zickefoose welcomed everyone and allowed late-arriving members time to get settled before beginning the club reports.

Riverview Lions Club

The Riverview Lions Club had four members in attendance. President Bob Kaley reported that the club:

- Celebrated its charter anniversary on May 7.
- Conducted a vision screening in partnership with ECHO.
- Participated in the Plant City Lions Club's Blind Dinner.
- Continued collecting used eyeglasses.
- Established relationships with local doctors willing to assist individuals needing glasses.
- Screened approximately 150 children.
- Scheduled two additional vision screenings and a diabetes screening for the end of the month.

Plant City Lions Club

The Plant City Lions Club had seven members in attendance. President Carlos reported that the club:

- Partnered with the Riverview Lions Club for ECHO's back-to-school vision screenings.
- Packaged and mailed approximately 1,200 pairs of collected eyeglasses.
- Will host the Hillsborough County Property Appraiser as a guest speaker on October 6. The club plans to use this

program as an opportunity to invite prospective members and other community guests.
- Is preparing for its annual golf tournament on November 13.
- Will begin preparations in January for the Florida Strawberry Festival Queen's Scholarship Pageant.

FishHawk Lions Club

President Joe represented the FishHawk Lions Club. He reported that the club:

- Partnered with Ronald McDonald House Charities to collect aluminum tabs.
- Participated in a Homes For Our Troops home-building project in Valrico for a blind veteran.
- Is working with Texas Roadhouse on a service-based high school scholarship program.
- Joined the local Chamber of Commerce and is developing new community relationships.
- Participated in ECHO's back-to-school event.
- Plans to work with Lions World Vision Institute on future projects.

Tampa Downtown Lions Club

President Andrew Moose and one additional member represented the Tampa Downtown Lions Club. President Moose reported that the club:

- Is preparing for its annual golf tournament.
- Is working on training members to conduct diabetes screenings.
- Donated $2,500 to Lighthouse for the Blind.
- Continues supporting Feeding Tampa Bay and Metropolitan Ministries.
- Sorted and prepared approximately 4,200 pairs of eyeglasses collected through USF Ophthalmology.

Sun City Center Lions Club

President Bob Jenkins and one additional member represented the Sun City Center Lions Club. President Jenkins reported that the club:

- Has welcomed 37 new members through a mailer sent to new Sun City Center residents.
- Recently participated in the District Cabinet Meeting.
- Is preparing to launch its White Cane fundraising campaign and has already collected approximately $4,000.
- Has begun planning its holiday fundraiser, which will include the sale of wreaths and fruitcakes.

Brandon Lions Club

The Brandon Lions Club was unable to attend the meeting but provided an update from President Keith. He reported that summer activity has been slower, but the club has remained active through the following efforts:

- Assisted three adults with eye examinations and eyeglasses.
- Delivered food boxes to The Kids Place and ECHO.
- Had several members volunteer at ECHO's back-to-school event.
- Changed its summer meeting schedule to once a month.
- Held luncheon meetings in an effort to attract new members.
- Will host the Don Bishop Cross Country Meet at Brandon High School on Saturday, October 3.
- Will hold its Candy Day fundraiser on Saturday, October 24.

District Updates and Housekeeping

Due to time constraints, the meeting concluded with a brief overview of district news and administrative reminders. Topics included:

- The importance of reporting club service activities and volunteer hours.
- A review of the service-reporting cheat sheet.
- Upcoming district events.
- The district newsletter contest.
- Additional programs and ideas shared by district leadership.

The meeting provided a valuable opportunity for Zone 2 clubs to share their service accomplishments, upcoming projects and successful membership strategies. The next meeting will continue building collaboration among the clubs and strengthening the impact of Lions throughout the Zone.