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Madeira High Schoolers Show Seniors What's App?

A group of local senior citizens knows more about their smartphones and tablets thanks to a Madeira City Council-sponsored event in conjunction with Madeira High School (MHS).

The March 6 event, 'What's App?' was sponsored by the Madeira Senior Commission – an organization formed in 2008 as an advisory group to Madeira City Council. 'What's App?' was first held in 2019 and provides participants free assistance with smartphone applications and other technology by MHS students.

A list was made of specific questions the group of community members in attendance needed help with. Student members of the MHS National Honor Society then offered personalized help to participants in small groups. Some of the topics the group asked for assistance with were accessing and using Facetime, Google Meet, Instagram reels, and three-way calling. Participants Tom and Jan Smith planned to try a call with both of their two out-of-town sons that evening.

The Madeira Senior Commission is a sounding board for Madeira's seniors and works to improve the quality of life of the Madeira community's senior citizens by distributing information, sorting through aging-in-place issues, and researching housing alternatives. All positions to the commission are volunteer and are appointed by City Council.



Madeira residents and What's App? participants with MHS students who answered their questions (l to r): Nick Hyland, Tom Smith, Jan Smith, Ben Solinski