

Performer Lisa Manning and Her Troupe

Medfield seniors were treated to an armchair cruise provided by Lisa Manning of Puppets and Players at an event sponsored by the Council on Aging on September 7th.

Manning regaled a crowd of seniors with her artistry as a singer and puppeteer, taking them on a musical cruise to the Caribbean, Mexico and



Hawaii. Dancing was added to the musical mix as well as an appearance by her collection of puppets. For sheer foot-tapping, finger-snapping, hand-clapping swinging melodies, she was hard to beat.

The seniors were enchanted by songs such as: "Harbor Lights", "Jamaica", "The Banana Boat

Song", "Mary Ann", "Paloma Blanca" and many more. The crowning moment was when Volunteer Coordinator, Patsy Nettles, wowed the crowd, with a graceful hula dance performed to Lisa's Hawaiian singing. The performance was preceded by a delicious buffet that added to a memorable afternoon. Manning's expertise is based on her wide experience as a singer and dancer. She is a graduate of the Professional Children's School and American Musical and Dramatic Academy in Manhattan. She opened at the Lincoln Center on the day that she graduated. Lisa also has performed on Broadway and entertained on the Queen Elizabeth II and other cruise ships. The seniors thoroughly enjoyed the program, which was coordinated by Roberta Lynch.