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## **Fresh Young Girl Band Captivates Seniors**

Carver Center's 3rd annual Independence Day celebration last week included a variety of activities aimed at entertaining the close to 100 active adults in attendance. Refreshing water balloon games and relays were paired with free snow-cones and popcorn. Old fashioned favorites like croquet, bocce ball and horseshoes allowed party-goers to enjoy the cool sunshine of a splendid morning before retiring to the Grand Hall for barbecued ribs, watermelon and strawberry parfaits. The real hit of the day, however, was the afternoon performance by a local band called the Polka Dots.

The Polka Dots are three young musicians from Loudoun County Virginia playing old time music with unmistakable energy. Sisters Aislin (17) and Nora Kavaldjian (15) supply close vocal harmonies and play fiddle, accordion, banjo and mandolin while Olivia Zook (18) provides a steady rhythm on the stand-up bass. Their repertoire ranges from folk and bluegrass standards to gypsy swing and early jazz; their original songs are imaginative and tuneful. They love to make their audiences clap, tap and dance!

The Dots played to a stunned audience. Their fresh young voices and charming stage presence riveted those attending. The hour of music flew by. It was not surprising to anyone at the end of the performance when an announcement was made that the group would soon be releasing their first album.



Aislin Kavaldjian

Nora Kavaldjian