



Newsletter Vanguard-Albany Symphony, Inc. September 2026, No. 179



President's Report

"THANKS TO JILL RIFKIN"

Vanguard will be losing one of its hardest working, determined members next month. Jill Rifkin who has served on the board for years and single handedly has gathered 1,000 musical instruments to give to schools for students whose families cannot afford to provide, will be moving to Boston to be close to her family. Vanguard will truly miss Jill's support, determination and humor.

We need someone to step into this board role. If you are interested, please contact me. Jill has provided much needed information on the ins and outs of the process.

Vanguard's mission is to support and raise money for our Symphony. In order to do this we need to:

*Volunteer for events. However, it is often the same individuals. Please consider contacting Pat Corbett to add your name to her list of potential volunteers. 518-784-4352; pattipocketbook@gmail.com

*Continue your membership and help increase our numbers. An increase in membership not only increases the number of potential volunteers but also gets our name out to more people. If any of you belong to a retirement group, please talk up Vanguard and what we do for the arts.

*Fund raising for the ASO. Your support of Vanguard events helps to provide much needed monetary support for our symphony. Unable to attend an event, consider making a donation. If transportation is an issue, please contact me and we will try to provide transportation. Maureen Geis: 518-439-5055, awgeis@aol.com

Our next board Meeting will be on September 22nd, 9:30am, at the Reformed Church in Delmar. All are welcome to attend and we would love your input.

Enjoy the waning hours of summer!



A gentle reminder that membership requests will be sent out in the next few weeks for the 2026-27 fiscal year. In addition, we hope you will be talking up Vanguard membership to all your friends and family! You may contact Pat Frank at patcazfrank46@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.





Sparkle & Shine

Our recent event at Glennpeter Jewelers on July 16 raised more than \$2,600. This fun summer evening was made possible by our incredible Vanguard members. Thank you to everyone who donated silent auction items and attended with your friends and family. We truly appreciate your generous support! If anyone has thoughts on continuing this event next year, please contact the fundraising committee.

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Save the Date

Jazz Brunch at June Farms

Get ready for our next gathering in a beautiful fall setting.

- Date: October 18th
- Venue: June Farms
- Music: The Joe Barna Trio
- Food: Crafted Catering by Chef Will Brown

Join us for amazing music, delicious food, and great company. Stay tuned for updates and ticket information!

Kathy DeWeese and Julia Smart



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