Get ready for another “Spectacular” evening at the 2020 Vascular Annual Meeting (VAM).


As last year’s gala sold out in six weeks, Gala Committee chairs Cynthia Shortell, MD, and Benjamin Starnes, MD, are urging those who want to attend this year to reserve their seats early.

Ticket prices are $250 each. For each ticket, $100 is a tax-deductible contribution to the SVS Foundation, which supports and promotes vascular research and improving patient vascular health. Tables are $2,500.

The party gets started with a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner and both live and silent auctions.

Magician extraordinaire Peter Gloviczki, MD, has agreed to pack up his cape, gloves and magic wand, and once again wow the assembled crowd with his deft sleight of hand. The evening ends with the all-important “Raise the Paddle” to generate vital monies for the SVS Foundation and dancing to a DJ.

“Remember, nearly every single dollar raised via the auctions and the Paddle Raise go directly into the SVS Foundation coffers,” said Shortell.

The SVS Foundation provides a range of scholarships, grants and public education projects, including patient fliers. These include:

- Mentored research career development awards programs to those who have already received National Institutes of Health grants
- Other research grants for researchers at all career levels
- The Community Awareness and Prevention Project Grant is for community practitioners to conduct community-based projects that address vascular health, wellness and disease prevention
- The E.J. Wylie Traveling Fellowship, providing the chance for a vascular surgeon to visit vascular surgery centers worldwide and bring home that knowledge