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Attendees had a “spectacular” evening at the 2019 SVS Foundation Gala, and organizers urge all members attending the 2020 Vascular Annual Meeting (VAM) in June to keep that Friday evening clear for this year’s event.

The 2020 SVS Foundation Gala will be held Friday, June 19, at the recently renovated Fairmont Royal York in Toronto, the VAM headquarters hotel. SVS members had the chance during the 2019 gala to bid on a stay at the Fairmont.

Benjamin Starnes, MD, and Cynthia Shortell, MD, enjoyed their roles as co-chairs of the planning committee last year, and are reprising them this year to lead the effort once again.

“The first gala was a huge success,” said Shortell, urging members to attend the 2020 gathering. “We greatly exceeded everyone’s expectations and sold out weeks ahead of the event.”

The funds raised helped advance the important work of the SVS Foundation, improving the public’s vascular health through funding basic and clinical research, community outreach and prevention, and awareness via patient education.

There’s another goal—simple but important—beyond continuing the Foundation’s work: celebrating the specialty and enjoying the company of fellow SVS members. “The event brought us all together in a way that allowed us to interact socially, not just professionally, and to have a lot of fun,” said Shortell. “We want to do that again this year.”

Tickets are expected to go on sale in early February. For more information visit vsweb.org/2020Gala .

(Note: Were you high bidder for any of 2019’s offerings, including vacations, wines, lunches or any other items, and would be willing to share your experiences? Please email: bbales@vascularsociety.org .)

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