

Greater Huntsville Section Attends Chamber of Commerce 2018 Holiday Open House

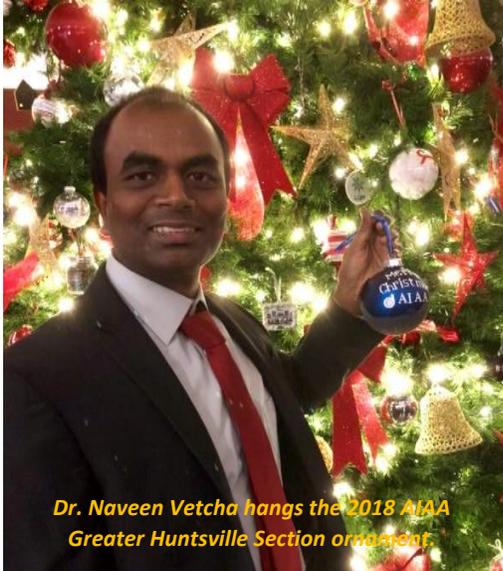
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The Greater Huntsville Section participated in the 2018 Huntsville and Madison County Chamber of Commerce Holiday Open House on December 6, 2018 at the Chamber of

Commerce Building in downtown Huntsville. The section has been a member of the Chamber since 2015 and this year marked the section's third participation in the Holiday Open House. Past Chair Naveen Vetcha and AIAA members Ken and Lisa Philippart represented the Greater Huntsville Section at the social.



*Dr. Naveen Vetcha hangs the 2018 AIAA
Greater Huntsville Section ornament.*

The event kicked off the seasons's holiday celebrations in a fun and festive environment while allowing members to network with business and organization leaders, elected officials and community influencers. Huntsville-area caterers and breweries provided food and drink while a band entertained the crowd with the sounds of the season. Old Saint Nick put in an appearance and posed for pictures with attendees.

Chamber members were again asked to bring an ornament representing their organizations to hang on the Chamber Christmas tree. For the third year, AIAA Associate Fellow and former Council member Sheree Gay handcrafted a one-of-a-kind ornament symbolizing the section. Sheree painted the AIAA logo under the greeting "Merry Christmas" on one side of the glass ball ornament. On the other side she painted an astronaut snowman to represent the aerospace industry across Alabama and Mississippi. Past Chair Dr. Naveen Vetcha hung the ornament on the tree in a prominent location, proudly displaying AIAA to the Huntsville community and joining the section's 2016 and 2017 ornaments that were also on the tree. The ornaments and tree could be seen at the Chamber's Church Street location throughout the holidays. Thank you Sheree for again donating your time, talents and materials to create a unique and festive symbol of the Greater Huntsville Section!



*2018 Greater Huntsville ornament crafted
by Sheree Gay.*



The evening was a fun way to celebrate the holidays with fellow AIAA and Chamber of Commerce members, a great chance to network and get to know our neighbors better and a perfect opportunity to spread the AIAA message in a festive setting.