

Greater Huntsville Section Attends Chamber of Commerce 2019 Holiday Open House

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The Greater Huntsville Section participated in the 2019 Huntsville and Madison County Chamber of Commerce Holiday Open House on December 12, 2019 at the Chamber of



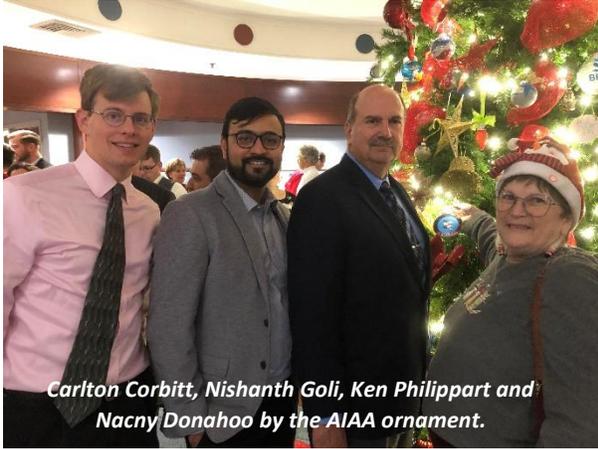
Commerce Building in downtown Huntsville. The section has been a member of the Chamber since 2015. This year marked the section's fourth participation in the Holiday Open House. Section Vice Chair Nishanth Goli and AIAA members Ken and Lisa Philippart, Carlton Corbitt and Nancy Donahoo represented the Greater Huntsville Section at the social.

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 restaurants provided food and drink. Photo stations with holiday props were set up for guests to take festive pictures.

Chamber members were asked to bring an ornament representing their organizations to hang on the Chamber Christmas tree. For the fourth year, AIAA Associate Fellow and former Council member Sheree Gay handcrafted a one-of-a-kind ornament symbolizing the section. Sheree decorated a wooden ornament cutout with the section logo and the year 2019 on one side and Santa's sleigh pulled by Saturn V rockets and "Merry Christmas" on the other. Vice Chair Nishanth Goli hung the ornament on the tree in a prominent location, proudly displaying AIAA to the Huntsville community. The ornament and tree may 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!



*2019 Greater Huntsville ornament crafted
by Sheree Gay*



Carlton Corbitt, Nishanth Goli, Ken Philippart and Nacny Donahoo by the AIAA ornament.

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.