

Greater Huntsville Section Attends Chamber of Commerce 2017 Holiday Open House

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Ken Philippart and Sheree Gay hang the 2017 AIAA ornament.

The Greater Huntsville Section participated in the 2017 Huntsville and Madison County Chamber of Commerce Holiday Open House on December 7, 2017. Greater Huntsville has been a member of the Chamber since 2015; and this was the second time the section attended the Holiday Open House, held at the Chamber of Commerce building in downtown Huntsville. AIAA members Sheree Gay and Ken and Lisa Philippart represented Greater Huntsville Section at the social. AIAA Region II Director Kurt Polzin also attended.

The event kicked off the seasons' 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 himself put in an appearance and posed for pictures with attendees.

Chamber members were asked to bring an ornament representing their organizations to hang on the Chamber Christmas tree. For the second year in a row, AIAA Associate Fellow and former Council member Sheree Gay handcrafted a one-of-a-kind ornament symbolizing the section. Sheree duplicated in laser cut wood the section's logo of the states of Alabama and Mississippi with a superimposed Saturn V. Sheree and Ken hung the ornament on the tree in a prominent location, proudly displaying AIAA to the Huntsville community and joining the section's 2016 ornament that was also on the tree. The ornaments and tree can be



2017 Greater Huntsville ornament crafted by Sheree Gay

seen at the Chamber's Church Street location throughout the holidays. Thank you Sheree for donating your time and materials to create such a unique and festive symbol of the section!



***Chris & Sheree Gay, Santa, and Lisa & Ken Philippart
get into the Christmas spirit.***

The evening was a fun way to celebrate the holidays with fellow 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.