

## Greater Huntsville Section Attends Chamber of Commerce Holiday Open House

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**Ken Philippart and Roger Herdy**

The Greater Huntsville Section participated in the 2016 Holiday Open House of the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville and Madison County on December 8, 2016. Greater Huntsville has been a member of the Chamber since 2015 but this was the first time the section attended the Holiday Open House. The event was held at the Chamber of Commerce building in downtown Huntsville. AIAA members Roger Herdy and Ken and Lisa Philippart represented the 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. Seventeen 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.



**Greater Huntsville's ornament  
crafted by Sheree Gay.**



**Ken Philippart  
hangs the section  
ornament.**

Chamber members were asked to bring an ornament representing their organizations to hang on the Chamber Christmas tree. Former Council Member Sheree Gay lovingly handcrafted a one-of-a-kind ornament displaying the section coin inside a clear ornament adorned with ribbons, a fitting symbol of the Greater Huntsville Section. Former section chair Ken Philippart hung the ornament on the tree in a prominent location, proudly displaying AIAA to the Huntsville

community. The ornament and tree can be 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!

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.

