

Greater Huntsville Section Attends Chamber of Commerce 2021 Holiday Reception

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**2021 AIAA Greater
Huntsville Section ornament.**

Former section Council Member, Sheree Gay, who had crafted the section's unique ornament each year from 2016 – 2019, invited a local artist and friend, Alissa Rose-Clark, to design the 2021 AIAA ornament. Alissa handcrafted a one-of-a-kind ceramic ornament of a Saturn V rocket bearing the Greater Huntsville Section logo.

Former Chair Ken Philippart proudly hung the section's ornament in a prominent spot on the tree to be readily visible to all who visited the Chamber facility

The Greater Huntsville Section returned to the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Social in 2021 after the 2020 social was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a member of the Chamber, the Greater Huntsville section extended the invitation to all section members. Section members Richard Matlock, Paul Galloway, Howard and Mary Ross, Ken and Lisa Philippart, and James Barnum registered to attend the reception.

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 sixth year in a row, a representative of the section hung an AIAA ornament on the tree along with ornaments from other Chamber of Commerce (CoC) members.

Former section Council Member, Sheree Gay, who had



Ken Philippart hangs the 2021 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.