



# 聖誕快樂

Sheng Dan Kuai Le



**Merry Christmas!** Sheng Dan Kuai Le

**Sheng** is sacred or holy. It is also short for sheng ren, meaning a sage or a saint.  
**Dan** is birth or birthday.

**Kuai le** is happiness, joy, delight, or rejoicings.

So, **Sheng Dan Kuai Le**, Holy Birth Happy, is how you say "Merry Christmas" in Chinese.

Christians in China celebrate by lighting their houses with beautiful paper lanterns and decorating their Christmas trees, which they call "Trees of Light," with paper chains, paper flowers, and paper lanterns. Chinese Children hang muslin stockings and await a visit from Santa Claus, whom they call Dun Che Lao Ren (dwyen-chuh-lau-oh-run) which means "Christmas Old Man." Since the vast majority of the Chinese people are not Christian, the main winter festival in China is the Chinese New Year, which takes place toward the end of January. Now officially called the "Spring Festival," it is a time when children receive new clothing, eat luxurious meals, receive new toys, and enjoy firecracker displays. An important aspect of the New Year celebration is the worship of ancestors. Portraits and paintings of ancestors are brought out and hung in the main room of the home.



TailWind members are cordially invited to attend the TWTC Christmas dinner party.

Date:	Wednesday, December 2
Time:	6:00 pm socialize / 6:30 pm dinner seating
Restaurant:	Tin Tin Buffet Restaurant
Address:	10215 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28210
Phone:	(704) 341-2293
Reservation Name:	TailWind (table of 24)
RSVP needed:	Jay Brosnan – by Nov. 27 <a href="mailto:jbrosnan@earthlink.net">jbrosnan@earthlink.net</a> 704 545 9774
Agenda:	Election of 2010 Officers



Please bring an **unwrapped** gift(s) or staple(s) for a needy family for the Holiday Season.



Happy Holidays to  
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TailWind members