

# **Merry Christmas 2023 and Happy New Year 2024**

Dear members and friends of ALAS-CA

The year 2023 is coming to an end with the most dynamic ever pre-Noel celebration organized on December 17, 2023 in Orange County, USA. The event attracted about one hundred attendees, 90% of them having the ages between 75 and 95. We sang, we laughed and we danced joyously under the sound of Vietnamese, French and American popular music.

As President of the Association, I have the pleasure to acknowledge the unlimited effort of ALAS-CA Secretary General Hong Phuong assisted by my wife Anh Phuong to coordinate a team of close friends like Minh Nguyet, Quynh Trang, Huu Anh and Tuong Anh in putting up such a nice banquet within a record time of a little more than one week. I also extend appreciation to the Manager of our website, alas Nguyen Thuy Dung and my friend Philippe Cuong for their contributions because without them most of us wouldn't have either known the activities of the Association or received those numerous memorable pictures of yourselves.

Above all facts mentioned I sincerely thank you, dear participants for joining us on this occasion. You create the opportunity for bonding of ALAS-CA members, supporters and their family. You greatly inspire all of us to commit to doing what we are doing, namely to serve as a link to all Alasiens and friends in California, in the country and hopefully in the world.

On behalf of the ALAS-CA Executive Committee I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year,

Alas Nguyen Duy Ai  
President of ALAS-CA  
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