

10th annual meeting of Friends of UCSD Library will celebrate first decade of association

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The Friends of the UCSD Library will celebrate its first decade at the Friends tenth annual meeting Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the La Jolla Country Club.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Fredi Chiappelli, director of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at UCLA, who will discuss "Machiavelli in Action."

At the dinner meeting, the group will also elect officers for the coming year. Mrs. E. Laird Landon, of La Jolla, current president, has been nominated to the post for a third term. Other proposed officers are Richard Pourade, vice president; Jacqueline Coolman, secretary, and Alvina Robertson, treasurer.

Three new board members will also be selected to serve three-year terms on the 12-person board. Nominated are Mrs. Paul Wormser and Mrs. George Osborn, both of La Jolla, and Mrs. W. Murray Smith.

No-host cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. in the lounge with dinner scheduled for 7 p.m.

Chiappelli is recognized for his writings on Italian literature with special emphasis on Machiavelli, the Italian statesman, writer and political philosopher of the 15th and 16th Centuries.

Born in Florence, Italy, Chiappelli came to UCLA in 1959 from the University of Lausanne, Switzerland. At UCLA, his research has focused on Machiavelli's writings of the early 16th Century.

He also created the Center for Italian Studies at UCLA and helped establish the instruction of Italian in public high schools in Santa Monica and the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Since the Friends was founded in 1964, the group has helped the University Library at UCSD acquire significant and rare books for the library's collections. Special presentations have been made at important milestones in the library's history including gifts of the 250,000th volume in 1965, the 500,000th volume in 1968, the 750,000th volume in 1970 and the one millionth volume last December.

The organization currently has more than 1,000 members throughout San Diego County.

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