LA JOLLA, June 8 -- The Charter Society of Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, which held its inaugural meeting Friday, is a new organization with the broad purpose of serving the expanding needs of the county and the immediate goal of promoting science and medicine among high school students through educational programs, awards and university scholarships.

The Charter Society aims "to combine the resources and talents of Scripps Clinic staff and community leaders to serve and improve San Diego," said Nancy Copeland, society chairwoman. "We hope to foster a countywide interest in science, particularly among the young."

The society's immediate plans include sponsorship of:

- A Young Scientists Series: a series of lectures on current research given by Scripps Clinic investigators and clinicians to promising high school science students.

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- Science Awards: a science competition for high school students, with cash awards going to the top entrants.

- A Scholarship Program: a scholarship to a four-year university to be awarded to an outstanding high school science student from San Diego County.

The society's first meeting, held to attract members and introduce the group's principals, was Friday morning at Copeland's Fairbanks Ranch home. Dr. Charles Edwards, Scripps Clinic president, and Dr. William Beers, associate director of the Research Institute of Scripps Clinic, addressed the group more than 100.

Other governing committee members include: May Bull and Jane Dalessio, La Jolla; Debbie Gottesfeld and Audrey Kaufmann, Del Mar; Jane Jones, Solana Beach; and Zari Semerdjian, Escondido.

For more information about the Charter Society, please call Nancy Copeland at 756-0744.

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