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TO: Our local GCA callers

FROM: Karen Schmidt, Bay Pearls

Bay Pearls, the non-profit that put on *Weave Your Heart*, is sponsoring a Gay Square Dance Summit for local IAGSDC clubs on Saturday, January 10th at the Lake Merritt Dance Center in Oakland. *Swing and Circle the Wagons* will have meetings and roundtable discussions during the day, a hosted dinner, and a dance with Hunter Keller in the evening.

We've added a new twist to the evening dance.

We're looking for the next fun/novelty square dance experience. We've all done "Move On!" We've all done "HEX" squares and TNP. We've all enjoyed when some caller has played around and introduced a new call, like "Deadbolt!" ("lockit" twice!) Maybe you have been awake nights thinking of something that's missing in square dance, or maybe you've thought about something silly that you've always wanted to try just once. Here's your chance to try it – during our dance with Hunter Keller.

Here are the details:

- You get up to one short tip and are asked to make it quick and simple and fun.
- If you want, you can work with Hunter to help you.
- You can do this solo, or as a team.
- Dancers will be Plus level.
- Time is very limited, so be among the first to sign up.
- The emphasis is on FUN!

The flyer for the dance is available from me or through your local club. Please note that the flyer was not worded properly, and seems to suggest that this is a GCA event. That is not the case; we simply wanted to limit it to GCA members. Also, the flyer calls it the "First Annual", but at the moment we have no plans to do this again. I am sorry for any confusion.

Also, this is called a "competition". Those present will be able to vote for their favorite idea, and a prize, still to be determined, will be awarded.

If you have an idea that you would like to try, please let me know in advance. We particularly need to get a rough idea of how much time you will need, as our time is very limited. You may not need to do a full tip. For example, you may be interested in teaching a new variation to some call or a brand new call that you have come up with. In that case, you would only need to teach the call, and have everyone dance it, rather than do an entire tip.

Remember, it's about having fun!

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