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An Unusual Gathering -- Even For New York City

New York has long been the gathering place for some of the more exotic types of people, owing largely to our reputation for easy tolerance of diversity. The Greater New York Gender Alliance, which is a regional non-profit organization for communication among the five local groups which serve transgendered people, will host their second annual "Moonlight in Manhattan" convention at the Inn on 57th Street, in late April.

Registration for the weekend convention will begin on Wednesday April 20th, and the event will run through Sunday April 24th. According to S. Kristene James, co-chair of the event, more than 200 crossdressers, transsexuals, members of the drag community, their families and friends will take part in seminars, discussion groups, tours, shopping expeditions, and theatre excursions. In addition, there will be a number of vendors whose products and services are specifically keyed to the needs and interests of the transgendered community.

Dee Dee Ann Summers, the event's other co-chair said, "Saturday evening's event will be a gala dinner dance, with the entertainment provided by the **Imperial Court of New York**."

Moonlight in Manhattan was set up as a means to raise money for local agencies and charities. This year, proceeds from the event will be donated to the Gender Identity Project of the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center. Now in its fourth year, the Gender Identity Project provides a wide range of services without charge to people who are gender-conflicted.

Interested people should contact the convention registrar for more information, at 212-765-3561.