GenderServe Newsletter

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IT ISN'T EASY!

Gender Review first appeared in June 1978, since when there have been twenty issues. The first eight of these, which included one double issue, were edited by Nicholas Ghosh. Susan Huxford managed to publish only four issues in the 21 months between February 1981 and November 1982 before she was succeeded by Paula Kirk. Paula managed five issues in 15 months, to be succeeded by Susan Huxford for the second time. Susan managed three issues during eight months in 1985, since when there have been no further issues.

This patchy history tells an important story: it isn't easy! Susan combined the duties of Editor with those of Executive Director of FACT. In February 1986 she celebrated her sixty-fifth birthday. She made quite clear her intention to retire from these duties and called together a group of FACT members to reinstate the old Constitution. This group accepted Susan's resignation and revised the Constitution. At the same time a member of this group volunteered to become Editor of **Gender Review**. After some months, this editor-elect discovered the task to be too onerous and, at a meeting of the interim Board on November 14, 1987 announced her withdrawal from the position.

The interim Board of Directors is aware that paid-up members of FACT expect to see something for their money. Furthermore, they recognize that there are subscribers to **Gender Review** whose subscriptions have not expired. Susan Huxford therefore suggested that an issue of **FACTual News** be prepared so that subscribers to **Gender Review** might be informed of the latest developments. It then became apparent that some Board members were prepared to make available some material for publication. Sufficient material thus came to hand before Christmas to justify an abbreviated issue of **Gender Review.**

Subsequent developments have convinced Susan that a further issue of **Gender Review** should **not** be prepared by her. She has found that responsibilities that she has tried repeatedly to relinquish have returned to roost on her desk. She has therefore determined that this shall not happen in 1988. This present update on the status of FACT is accordingly being published as a **GenderServe** newsletter and is not a FACT publication. It is, nevertheless, being circulated to all subscribers to **Gender Review** and to such former members of FACT as it is considered may still be interested in the activities of the Foundation.

Efforts to incorporate FACT as the **Foundation for the Advancement of Canadian Transsexuals** have run into repeated roadblocks in the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations. Susan does not believe that these difficulties are insurmountable, but she is no longer prepared to do the necessary

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spade work. If FACT is considered to be necessary to the gender dysphoric community, then that community must from now on accept full responsibility for its operation. This means that a new editor must be found for **Gender Review,** otherwise no further issues will be published.

It should be clearly understood that **GenderServe** is no longer the administrator of FACT. A new Provisional Executive has taken office and comprises Dawn Raby, (Acting President), Patricia Fisher (Acting Vice President), Frankie Andresen (Acting Secretary), Susan Huxford (Acting Treasurer) and Michelline Johnson (Board Member).

The new postal address of FACT is:
P.O. Box 1149, Station 'F',
TORONTO, Ontario.
M4Y 2T8.

From now on **GenderServe** is functioning as an independent counselling, educational and research agency registered as a proprietorship with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations in the Province of Ontario. Details of services offered may be obtained by writing to
GenderServe,
P.O. Box 291, Station 'A',
Hamilton, Ontario.
L8N 3C8.

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The first issue of the **GenderServe** newsletter was published in May, 1987. A copy may be included with this issue, but only a limited number were issued. These first two issues are distributed on a complimentary basis. Further issues are planned on an irregular basis and may be obtained on request from **GenderServe** at 80 cents a copy or $3.75 for five issues, post free. Subscribers to **Gender Review** who have not received the full number of issues for which they have paid may either apply their credits to the **GenderServe Newsletter** or request a refund of the uncompleted part of their subscription from **GenderServe,** not FACT.

Responsibility for the continuation of **Gender Review** now rests with the FACT Board of Directors; **GenderServe** is no longer the publisher of that publication.

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TV-TS Tapestry
There has been only one issue of this publication (No. 50) since the last distribution to those who have subscribed through **GenderServe.** All subscribers whose subscriptions have not expired should have received No. 49. The editor of **TV-TS Tapestry** has now been requested to forward copies of No.50 to this office and these will be distributed as soon as they are received. Future issues will be forwarded as they arrive in the **GenderServe** office.

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I.F.G.E. Convention
The second International Foundation for Gender Education convention will be held at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel, Chicago, from February 24 to March 1, 1988. The full registration fee is $175 U.S. per person, exclusive of accommodation, subject to a 5% discount if paid in full by February 10. Further details may be obtained by phoning the Tiffany Club at (617) 358-2305. Please state that you obtained your information from **GenderServe.**

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