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President's Report

Many things appear to be getting back to normal given that I had more trick or treaters this year than any year during my four Hallowe'ens in the Greater Victoria area. Confidence in the Covid-19 vaccines probably plays a large part in this uptick, nevertheless, it warms my heart to see the young ones, with or without their parents, out and about again as we were, not so many years ago.

Similarly, I was heartened by the tremendous turnout for last month's general meeting – between 50 and 60 – like pre-pandemic numbers. It is a great boost to our mental health – as well as our physical health – to be participating in more face-to-face activities. Our guest speaker, C. Anne McIntyre from Soap for Hope was very well received, and we can look forward to additional motivational speakers in the coming year.

One more thing: we're number one! That is, we are the number one club in CFUW – by far – according to national statistics for donations to our Scholarship & Bursary Society for student awards. We need to blow our own horn sometimes. More to follow on this exciting subject.

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President

Vice President's Report

CFUW National Update

National CFUW Official Statement on Israel and Gaza **Re: The War and Humanitarian Crisis in Israel and Gaza**

Below you will find the National CFUW Official Statement on Israel and Gaza. This letter has been distributed to the following:

Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau

Representative of Canada to the United Nations, Bob Rae

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Melanie Joly

Minister of International Development, Ahmed Hussen

Minister of Defence, Bill Blair

Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, Marci Ien
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CFUW 2024 National Conference and AGM

Save the Date – 2024 CFUW AGM and Conference – July 22-24, 2024
Edmonton, Alberta. Stay tuned for registration and program details.

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