



Hello WMCA Members,

The pictures above are of my great-grandmother, Leatha (McCauley) Freeman (I definitely inherited her fire and fashion sense!!) and her cousin, Rosa Louise (McCauley) Parks. This month is especially meaningful to me on a personal level. As an African American, the month of February causes me to reflect even more on the tireless efforts, sacrifices, and courage of those who fought—often at great personal risk—to bring us closer to an equitable democracy. Their work laid the foundation for the systems we steward today, and I must always remember that my service honors their legacy by ensuring fairness, access, and dignity for every voter.

I want to share how incredibly proud I am of the ad hoc committee planning the Northern Clerks Conference that is scheduled for April 15th and 16th at Best Western Plus, 3340 Mondovi Road in Eau Claire. I am filled with immense joy watching the dedication, creativity, and passion each member is bringing to this effort. The collaboration and energy behind this planning truly reflects the best of WMCA. Scholarship opportunities will also be available for those needing assistance. My goal is to welcome 200 WMCA and non-WMCA members to this conference (yes...200...I know...crazy, right??), and I am confident—because of this committee’s hard work—that we are well on our way to making that vision a reality. From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU!!! 💜

Let's also take a moment to give a well-deserved round of applause to our clerks who will be administering the Spring Primary election on February 17th! 🙌

Running an election, especially in the heart of winter, requires dedication, precision, and an unwavering commitment to public service. Beyond the long hours, your work matters deeply. Because of you, voters can trust the process, their voices are heard, and communities can confidently participate in local democracy.

As you continue this important work, I encourage you to please remember to take time to care for yourselves. The work you do is demanding, and you matter just as much as the service you provide. Rest when you can, lean on one another, and remember that your dedication does not go unnoticed.

WMCA is proud of you all—not only for what you do, but for who you are.

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