



Demetra DeMonte

Demetra DeMonte was born and raised in Chicago in a strongly Democrat home. Her father served as a Chicago Democrat Precinct Captain and secretary to a powerful Chicago Alderman and Committeeman until his death in 2003 at the age of 88. In her early twenties Demetra switched to the Republican Party when she realized that what Ronald Reagan said rang true for her: “I didn’t leave the Democrat Party, the Democrat Party left me.”

Even though she switched parties, her father was excited at her involvement in the political process. Demetra believes that people who are passionate about politics—those who are interested in making a positive difference—must get involved. Talking about the issues is not enough.

- Unanimously elected Tazewell County Republican Chairman since 2004.
- Unanimously elected State Central Committeeman by her peers, the 20 county chairman of the 18th Congressional District.
- To assist county chairmen, particularly newer ones, Demetra will present a power point presentation in July to the chairmen of the 18th Congressional District and chairmen from the Central Zone entitled ” So, you’ve been elected county chairman. Now what”?
- One of 9 county chairman appointed in 2007 by Chairman Andy McKenna to sit on the Illinois GOP Chairmen’s Task Force. The Task Force was formed with the mission of revitalizing and rebuilding our party from the grassroots up.
- Appointed Vice President, Central Zone, Illinois Republican Chairman’s Association in 2005.
- Appointed Regional Coordinator/Central West for the Illinois Republican Chairman’s Association.
- Organized and chaired a Central West Gubernatorial Forum held in Tazewell County in 2005. 23 county chairmen and all but one gubernatorial candidate were in attendance.

- Served on the Platform Committee at the 2004 Illinois Republican Convention.
- Elected a Bush Delegate to the 2004 Republican National Convention representing the 18th Congressional District.
- The Tazewell County Republican Party wins elections. Despite being a “swing” county, Tazewell Republicans picked up the only judgeship in Illinois in 2006. In 2004, Tazewell Republicans picked up a county office from the Democrats. In both 2004 and 2006, Tazewell Republicans maintained all countywide and county board positions, despite negative statewide trends.
- Chosen Outstanding Tazewell County Republican of the Year for 2003.
- Vice Chairman of the Tazewell County Republican Central Committee in 2002.
- Served as Tazewell County Coordinator for the Jim Ryan for Governor Campaign. In addition, served as the 2002 Tazewell County Coordinator for the overall “Get- Out- The- Vote” effort. Jim Ryan received 59% of the vote in Tazewell.
- Chaired the “W Stands for Women” rally in 2000 in Peoria. The committee of 100 women led by Demetra was successful in generating a crowd of 1,000 attendees.
- Tazewell Republicans have at least one county-wide event every month. The events are always well attended.
- Tazewell County Republicans now have a headquarters that is manned year round with volunteers. When first elected chairman, Demetra moved the party headquarters from the Republican stronghold of Morton to Democrat Pekin. She did this because she believes you must take the message and messengers where most needed.
- The Tazewell County Republican Central Committee under Demetra DeMonte’s leadership has several successful fundraisers every year, making it a well funded organization. The party under Demetra’s leadership regularly breaks fundraising records and its activities are well covered in the media because of a successful mass communication program.
- Demetra and her husband, Dr. Anthony DeMonte, a Pekin orthodontist, have lived in Pekin since 1978. She is the office manager at her husband’s office. Their two daughters are Alexandra, 26, a doctoral candidate at Loyola University of Chicago, and Elizabeth, 22, who is a May 2008 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University. Demetra graduated from Loyola University of Chicago with a Bachelor of Arts in history.