Lucy Stone was born on August 13, 1818, in West Brookfield, Massachusetts and died October 18, 1893 in Boston. She was a prominent U.S. orator and abolitionist. As a suffragist, she was a vocal advocate and organizer promoting rights for women. In 1847, Stone became the first woman from Massachusetts to earn a college degree. Stone also refused to take her husband’s name when they were married.

Stone began her activism in the anti-slavery movement. She worked for several years with the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society traveling around the country giving speeches. Questioned when she dared to speak for the cause of the rights afforded women at an anti-slavery meeting, Stone replied “I was a woman before I was an abolitionist.” By mid-1851, Stone ended her contract with the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society to dedicate herself completely to the woman’s suffrage movement.

In 1850, two years after the Seneca Falls Women’s Rights Convention, Stone organized the first national Women’s Rights Convention in Worcester, Mass. She worked in Kansas on the referendum for suffrage, served as president of the NJ Women Suffrage Association and was on the executive committee of the American Equal Rights Association. In 1869, she broke with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony over the passage of the 14th and 15th Amendments which granted voting rights to black men but not women. Stone was willing to accept this and to continue working for women’s suffrage. With the dying words, “Make the world better,” the indefatigable Lucy Stone departed this world in 1893, a bonafide pioneer of her time.

Ronna Romney McDaniel was born March 20, 1973, in Austin, Texas. McDaniel is a granddaughter of former Michigan Governor and businessman George W. Romney and niece of Senator Mitt Romney. Romney’s grandmother, Lenore Romney, ran for the U.S. Senate in 1970. McDaniel said her career in politics was inspired by her family. During the 2016 election, Ronna McDaniel helped deliver Michigan for Donald Trump and the GOP for the first time in decades. In February 2015, she was elected as the Michigan State Republican Party Chairman. Ronna served as a Trump delegate and chaired the Michigan Delegation to the 2016 Republican National Convention. She has served as a Michigan Precinct Delegate, District Executive Committee Member and State Committeeewoman. She also served as a National Delegate to the RNC Tampa Convention representing Michigan’s 11th District.

In 2017, the Republican National Committee elected McDaniel to serve as its chairwoman, making her the second woman to hold the job and the first woman to hold the role in three decades. President Trump hand-picked her for the role. “For far too long, Democrats have hailed themselves as the party of women.” Ronna McDaniel said. "As Republicans, we know their so-called monopoly on being the party of women is false, and it is a mindset I intend to change." And she has continued the work of the early suffragettes to do just that.