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## AAUW Harrisburg Community Women of the Year 2018

### Chris Baker and Jean Handley

AAUW Harrisburg's 2018 *Community Woman of the Year Award* recognizes two women working for election reform: **Chris Baker** of Hershey Indivisible and **Jean Handley** of Fair Districts Dauphin County.

Working very closely with the League of Women Voters and other Fair Districts PA sponsors, they educated the public about gerrymandering, generated non-partisan support and informed our legislators of the need for a change to our state constitution to allow voters to choose their representatives, rather than allowing politicians to pick their voters.

**Jean Handley** is Fair Districts PA's Dauphin County Coordinator. She has a BA from Gettysburg College and a Med from Kutztown University. Her varied career includes work as a licensed commercial pilot for Allegheny Airlines, a Guidance Counselor, and a Health and Racquet Club Program Coordinator.

Jean became involved in politics as a volunteer on President Obama's campaigns, and the 2017 Women's March. She believes that gerrymandering is the source of our political discord and the inability to enact policies on many divisive issues.

**Chris Baker** is the Co-Facilitator on Election Issues for the Hershey Indivisible Team. She has a BS in elementary education from the State University of New York, Plattsburgh and an MS in special education from the College of St. Rose, Albany. She spent 23 years in special education for Derry Township, Lancaster-Lebanon, Fairfax, VA, and New York schools.

Chris has volunteered with the League of Women Voters and the Girl Scouts of America. She is focused on the redistricting issue, and provides educational presentations and updates, and organizes support for Senate Bill 22 and House Bill 722.

Jean and Chris were honored at AAUW Harrisburg's meeting on May 5.

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