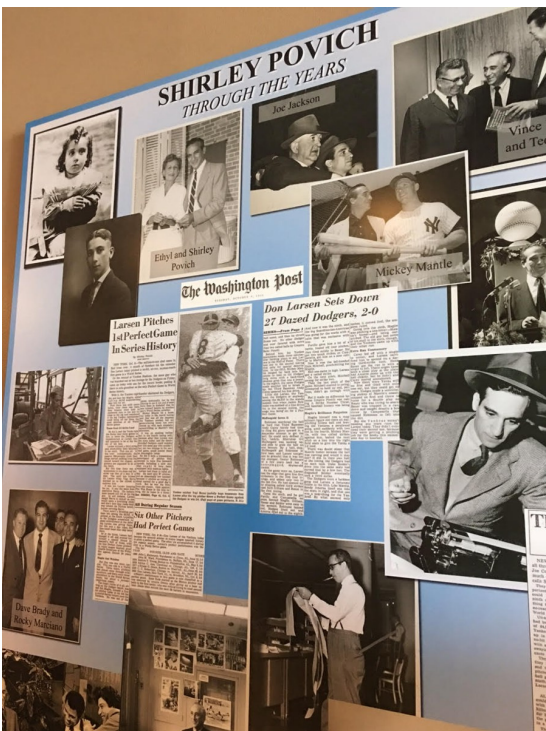


Tour of the Washington Nationals Park

June 2, 2017

Twenty-five of our members and spouses attended a private tour of the Washington National's Baseball Stadium arranged for us by Larry Katz. The tour included the visiting team's clubhouse, the press box (highest in the majors), the Nats' dugout, several luxury suites and boxes, and the warning path on the field. In the bullpen, members got to try pitching, with varying success.



Besides a ballpark, the stadium is a museum, with amazing photos and memorabilia of baseball history in Washington including Griffith and RFK stadiums and the Washington Grays, the Negro League team.

There is a wall of presidents, from Taft to Obama, throwing out the first pitch; of the Washington Senators' successes (one world-series victory and several American League pennants); and perhaps their greatest old-time player, pitcher Walter Johnson.

Dave Fenster said that our guide, “Maria provided an excellent tour of the Park. I was also very impressed by her knowledge of DC baseball and of the museum-like historical displays in the Park. This tour exceeded my expectations and is a Men’s Club highlight”.



After the tour, the attendees had a delicious lunch at the Gordon Biersch restaurant where they were able to relax and remember their day.

Martin Meyers mused, “That curve ball pitch in the bull pen was a definite strike”, while Art Raymond affirmed “I need more warm-ups in the bullpen”.