

## Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

After a 2-year hiatus of hosting a NEPPA baseball event at Fenway, we were excited to change things up and see the WooSox play at Polar Park in Worcester, MA.

While some members were apprehensive about the location change they were happy to find it was much easier to enjoy the game at Polar Park. The open seating allowed us to easily connect with each other since we were not enclosed in the traditional seats that we would normally have at Fenway.

This year's event featured a May 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday night game versus the Rochester Red Wings. Members enjoyed a delicious pre-game buffet and private seating with premium views from the FLEXcon Landing. Mother Nature didn't disappoint as it was a perfect night for a game!

Javier Melendez of Walker-Clay mentioned, "What a beautiful night for baseball. The stadium is easy to walk around once inside, and there are a ton of food and drink options for all kinds of tastes, with big league plays, but a hometown feel."

The FLEXcon Landing brought more fun for members... a first inning home run ball was driven right to our seats, and Heather O'Neill of Walker-Clay went home with the ball! NEPPA President Loren Cayer was the lucky winner of a t-shirt!

Rich Devejian from Gemline commented, "It was great to get out and see members that I hadn't seen pre-Covid. The game gave us a great opportunity to catch up."

All attendees went home with a baseball umbrella – special thanks to Storm Duds Raingear for their donation! Although the WooSox didn't take the win, everyone enjoyed time together and a FUN night out!

As Heather O'Neill stated, "It was a Woo-ked good time."

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## NEPPA Cares

During the WooSox Game, NEPPA Cares partnered with Knock Knock Give a Sock and held a sock drive to support the Central Mass Homeless Shelter in Worcester. With socks being the least donated article of clothing and the most needed, we were able to make this event a real SOCKSESS thanks to our network of Distributors and Suppliers.

Our game-time collections were enough to fill a large tote. In addition, we also sold NEPPA socks, generously donated by

AZX Sport, which allowed us to provide more socks with a mission. As always, your contributions are very much appreciated and we thank you for your continued support and participation.

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