



strangest-sounding name in either lineup?; How have you changed in 10 years?"

Sounds a bit weird, but perhaps perfect for Gail Parker of Mayfair. In order to spend time with her husband during baseball season, the 63-year-old Parker says she has to read a book in the same room where he's watching the game. Last year, when her husband got free tickets to a game, Parker agreed to join him. But he reminded her that it wouldn't be a good idea to bring a book.

At the other end of the fan spectrum is Narda Quigley, 30, who teaches business management at Villanova University and is an outfielder in the Philadelphia Women's Baseball League, an organization she helped found five years ago.

As part of the 12-team American Women's Baseball Federation, the league uses volunteer coaches, playing seven-inning games on various regulation-size fields in the region. Their jerseys were donated by the Phils.

"If I win the lottery," says Quigley, "I'd build us a field."

Two years ago, Quigley attended Phillies Baseball 101 for Women for the first time.

"My dream as a girl was to play Major League Baseball," says Quigley. "And this is the closest I came."

Another superfan is Silvi Specter, 14, of Gladwyne, who opted to have a celebration after her bat mitzvah at Citizens Bank Park.

"There have been lots of bar mitzvahs at the Park," says Kristen Zeller, who coordinates special events for the Phillies. "But only one bat mitzvah."

Specter, whose interest in baseball started as a father-daughter experience, has grown into "the Phillies authority in her school," says her mother, Tracey Specter.

Silvi Specter is in Israel now with her school. "She brought a Phillies cap to give to an Israeli soldier, and she insists we e-mail her the scores of every game," her mother said.

To learn more about the Philadelphia Women's Baseball League: [phillywomensbaseball.com](http://phillywomensbaseball.com)  
The Philadelphia Phillies organization can be reached at 215-463-1000 or [www.phillies.com](http://www.phillies.com)

Information on "The Savvy Girls' Guide to Understanding Baseball" and the Scorebook Journal is at [www.savvygirlsofsummer.com](http://www.savvygirlsofsummer.com)

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