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The Polish Dwarf

Born near the Polish city of Halicz in 1739, Józef Boruwłaski rates as one of Poland's most curious natives. Better known as The Polish Dwarf, he was adopted at a young age by the Starostin de Carolix, though her subsequent marriage meant he was soon transferred to the patronage of Countess Humieka and her estate in Rychty.

When he was fifteen, and a mere 64 centimetres (another source claims 71 cm or 28 inches), the countess took him to visit the royal court in Vienna where he subsequently hob-nobbed with Viennese high society. While perched on the knee of Empress Maria Theresa he remarked "there is nothing so wonderful as to see such a little man on the lap of so great a woman." The flirty remark delighted the Empress and moved her to present him with her diamond ring. The ring was too big for Boruwłaski so the Empress called on a young princess to award him with her ring instead. That princess was six year old Marie Antoinette, who would later achieve infamy at the business end of a guillotine.

From Vienna the countess and Boruwłaski toured the courts of Germany and France, and it was at Luneville where the pocket-sized Pole was introduced to the retarded French dwarf Bebe. An immediate friendship was struck, though it wasn't long until things took a colorful turn. Measuring four inches taller than our hero, Bebe soon became jealous of



the attention heaped on Boruwłaski, and during a fit of pique attempted to throw the Pole into a fire. Servants intervened and saved Boruwłaski, while Bebe was chastised, whipped and expelled from the royal household. Little is known of the fate of the Frenchman, though one history book asserts that he died of "mortification and spleen."

Although apparently a keep-fit fanatic and teetotaller, Boruwłaski nonetheless enjoyed the Parisian highlife, attending masked balls, pageants and banquets. An

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News from Poland

Poles split on Euro adoption

Poles are almost evenly split over whether to adopt the Euro, with 43% supporting the process and 44% being against it, a poll by PBS DGA for daily Gazeta Prawna showed. Poles are also pessimistic about the balance of benefits and costs of the Euro adoption, with 51% seeing more costs than benefits and just 14% seeing more benefits than costs.

Poland has lowest birthrate in European Union

The EU's statistical office, Eurostat, is reporting that Poland has the lowest birthrate of the 27 countries in the EU. In 2005, the Polish birthrate was 1.24 children per woman. The EU average is 1.51 children. To replace the current population, women need to give birth to about 2.1 children. In other words, population growth throughout Europe is negative. Only immigration prevents populations from declining more.

Low birthrates are a more acute problem in Eastern Europe — Slovakia (1.25 children), Slovenia (1.26 children), Czech Republic (1.28 children) — than in Western Europe where Ireland and France have higher birthrates — 1.88 and 1.92, respectively.

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Thoughts

Well it seems like just yesterday that I was writing this column; time flies when one is busy. I've noticed that over the



years *PolAm* has covered the south of Poland rather extensively. Starting with this issue, we will try to highlight more northern areas of interest and this month you will find

an article of the historic city of Poznań. In the course of researching the city, I came across the article on the Polish Dwarf — an amusing sidebar in the history of Poland. Someday, maybe this summer, I will hunt down his "Memoirs" and read it since the snippets of the book online are a delight.

For the past year those interested in Polish heritage in the Little Falls, Minnesota area have come together and organized themselves into the Polish Echos Club. This April 28th they will be celebrating Polish Constitution Day with a week of activities beginning with Mass and a dinner at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Little Falls. I encourage all of you to support them and take a trip up north for this dinner. Look for details elsewhere in this issue.

Don't forget that the Festival of Nations in St. Paul is coming up on May 3-6. Each year we have a Polish café, the Dolina Polish Folk Dancers dance and run their bazaar, and Polish Saturday School organizes the culture booth. If this festival isn't your cup of tea, then that same weekend PACIM is taking a bus to Chicago for their Polish Constitution Day Parade along with other points of interest in Polish Chicago.

A Joyful Easter to All!

Steven UKasick

Steven Ukasick, Editor

Polish Dwarf continues

incurable romantic, Boruwłaski enjoyed flirting, and we are assured that his romantic lustings were often mutual. However, when Boruwłaski fell in love with Isalina Barbutan, the countess' domestic companion, the countess threw him out in rage. Poland's King Stanislaus II intervened, gave Boruwłaski an allowance, and with royal approval the Pole later married the subject of his desire.

Using royal letters of introduction the dwarf toured the courts of Europe and Turkey, entertaining the rich with his sharp wit, dapper dance moves and masterly violin skills. One tour of Britain paired him with the Irish giant Patrick Cotter, which proved a particular hit with the paying public.

He sired several children with his wife, and with money to his name Boruwłaski eventually published his memoirs and took retirement in the English town of Durham. The dwarf lived to see 97, and although happily married, one anecdote from his Durham days reveals his wife would often place him on the mantelpiece if he ever irritated her.

-InYourPocket Tourist Guide

New and Generous Members

(Please note: according to the IRS, donations in 2007 and thereafter to non-profit 503 (c) 3 organizations need an acknowledgement from the organization in order to be deductible. The Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota board of directors has determined that the tangible value of membership and newsletter is \$15. Therefore all contributions above \$15 are donations and will be acknowledged as such. Acknowledgements will be sent out in the near future; please be patient since we have several hundred to process.)

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News from Poland continues

No controversy surrounds the new archbishop of Warsaw

Pope Benedict XVI named Bishop Kazimierz Nycz as the new archbishop of Warsaw. Nycz, 57, is well regarded and comes from the Koszalin-Kolobrzeg diocese in northwestern Poland.

The previous choice for Warsaw archbishop, Stanisław Wielgus, stepped down at his installation mass on January 7th after admitting to having cooperated with the hated communist-era secret police (SB). Wielgus' resignation caused upheaval in the Polish Church and embarrassed the Pope, who was not aware of the scale of Wielgus' cooperation with the SB.

Most Poles do not want missile shield

A new Pentor poll commissioned by Życie Warszawy shows that most Poles are wary of a U.S. missile defense system in Poland. According to the Pentor poll, 53% of respondents answered "oppose" to the question "Do you support or

oppose the installation of a U.S. missile shield base on Polish soil?" Only 34% said they support the missile shield and 12% were not sure. The poll was conducted on January 23–25 on a representative sample of 800 adults. Margin of error is +/- 3.5%.

In December 2002, U.S. president George W. Bush announced plans for the development of initial defense capabilities, which include ground-based and seabased missile interceptors, as well as sensors located in space. In 2004, the U.S. approached the governments of Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary as possible partners in the missile defense system.

The U.S. made a concrete proposal in January that it wants to build a missile defense system in Eastern Europe, basing a radar system in the Czech Republic and a missile interceptor site in Poland. Russia has opposed the missile defense shield saying that it would disrupt the balance of power in Europe. Polish Defense Minister Radosław Sikorski has said Poland would take Russia's concerns

into consideration. Despite the strong antipathetic feelings of most Poles concerning Russia, it is probably not in Poland's best interests to antagonize Russia. Furthermore, the costs and benefits of possessing such a missile shield need to be weighed. The effectiveness of such a missile shield remains in doubt. Poland has received very little from the U.S. in return for its military support in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

EU to subsidize Polish transport infrastructure with 19 billion Euros

Between 2007–2013, Poland will receive 19 billion Euros for transportation infrastructure from the EU under the program "Infrastructure and the Environment." From this sum, about 11 billion is for roads, almost 5 billion is for railways, 2 billion is for urban transport, 600 million for sea transport and 500 million for air transport. During the years 2007–2013, Poland plans to build 1,200 km of motorways and 1,200 km of express roads. —The Warsaw Voice

Radziłowski and Wurl Recognized

The Halecki Prize, which recognizes an important book or monograph on the Polish experience in the United States, was given to Dr. John Radziłowski for his work, *Poles in Minnesota* (Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2005). Radziłowski is a senior fellow at the Piast Institute, Hamtramck, MI and past president of the Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota. He is also a two time winner of the PAHA Swastek Prize. *Poles in Minnesota* is honored as a highly readable account of the Polish Americans who created and sustained community institutions in Minnesota.

In recognition of the significant contributions enhancing knowledge of the Polish and Polish American heritage by individuals not belonging to the Polish American community, Joel Wurl was presented with the Amicus Poloniae award. Now a senior program officer at the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D.C. Wurl is recognized

for his longtime service at the Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota.

Aneta Toporowska

Aneta Toporowska, Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota Board Director and Hamline Law Student, was elected to the position of 2007/2008 Symposium Editor for the Journal of Public Law and Policy at Hamline University Law School. "The Hamline Journal of Public Law and Policy," managed by students, provides a forum for discussions relating to public policy decisions of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches at all levels of government. The Journal publishes a bi-annual ADR Symposium issue. Members are selected through written competition and upon recommendation of a legal writing instructor.

Polish Constitution Day Celebration in Little Falls

The Polish Echos Club in Little Falls, Minnesota will celebrate a week of remembrance of the ratification of the Polish Constitution of 1791. The Mayor of Little Falls, Cathy L. VanRisseghem, will be signing a Proclamation to recognize the celebration. Festivities will begin with a Mass celebrated at 4:30 pm on Saturday, April 28th at Our Lady of Lourdes Church (208 West Broadway) followed by the Annual Polish Dinner featuring Polish and Polish American dishes from 4:30 to 7 pm. Price for the dinner is \$15. The Little Falls group invites everyone to join with them on Saturday, April 28th to celebrate this great Polish event.

You may pay at the door, but please first make a reservation to Phinee Zak 320-632-2652 (leave a message if no answer) or Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 320-632-8243 by Saturday, April 21.

oland's fifth largest city with 578,900 people (2002) is one of the oldest cities in Poland and rich in history. Poznań, one of the earliest capitals of Poland along with nearby Gniezno, is located on the Warta River in the west central part of the country in the ancient area of Wielkopolska, the birthplace of

from years past surround the square and have all been meticulously restored after World War II. The Old Square is the third largest in Poland. It is the rich merchants and their homes in the old city that bring to mind the Dutch and their city of traders, Amsterdam, which is no accident since both cities grew wealthy on trade.

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Poznań

the state of Poland. The city had its beginnings in the 9th century on an island in the Warta River called Ostrów Tumski. Located on an important trade route between Paris and Moscow, Poznań soon became an important medieval trading center and is known internationally for its trade fairs. Today the city is a center for trade, industry, and education and is Poland's fourth largest industrial center. Although not usually at the top of the list of Polish cities for visiting tourists, Poznań has the charm, history and importance well worth a visit.

Important architectural buildings of note in Poznań are the Cathedral and the Ratusz or town hall. The Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul is located in the oldest part of the city on the Ostrów Tumski. It is here in 966 that the first cathedral was established. The present church is the third building on the site and was extensively damaged in World War II but restored to its former glory soon thereafter. It contains the tombs of the first Polish rulers: duke Mieszko I, king Boleslaus the Brave, king Mieszko II, duke Casimir I the Restorer, duke Przemysł II and king Przemysł II.

The 16th century renaissance Town Hall is found in the Old Square. It was once known as the most beautiful building north of the Alps. At noon each day two mechanical goats appear, and on Sundays and holidays a bugle call comes from the tower; and just outside the building is the whipping post erected in 1536 for miscreants. Merchant houses



Today, trade remains important and Poznań still holds many trade fairs, the most important being the Poznań International Fair (Międzynarodowe Targi Poznańskie). It is also a student town...it boasts ten institutions of higher learning and over 50,000 students make their home in this city of 600,000. Culturally, it hosts the Malta Theater Festival and the Classical Music Festival each year and every five years the Henryk Wieniawski Violin Competition takes place. Poznań boasts the Polish Theatre of Dance-Poznań Ballet, the only one of its kind in Poland. Being Poland's fourth largest industrial city it has major steel mills, railroad factories and other heavy industry. Most recently, many Western companies have made their entry into the Polish market by establishing their first Polish branches in this thriving city.

The Poznań uprising of June 1956

After the death of Stalin in 1953 there was a softening of the terror and repression of Stalinism in the Soviet Union and satellite countries and change seemed to be in the air. In Poland this took the form

of an amnesty for over 28,000 political prisoners. Workers at Poznań's Zispo locomotive manufacturing plant had been protesting their low pay and high work demands. Then in 1956 they were further agitated when they discovered that too much tax had been deducted from their pay. On June 28th, they began their strike and left for the streets, forming picket lines and going from factory to factory encouraging other workers to join the strike. Soon 100,000 workers made their way to the main square, occupying the police station and the two symbols of oppression: the headquarters of the secret police and prison. At the prison they released 250 prisoners and armed themselves with weapons. When the Polish army arrived the Poznań workers fought back, but were no match to 10,000 troops and 400 tanks.

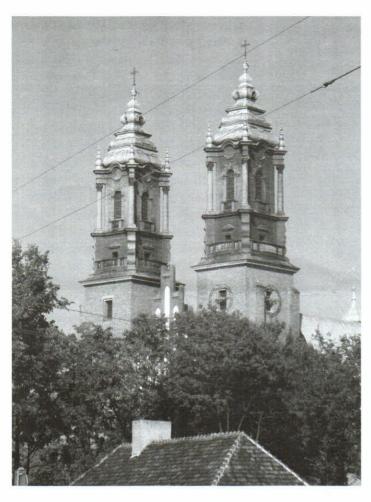
However, not all was lost. Reformers within the Polish communist government allowed the creation of workers' councils, but by October 19th the Soviets had enough and massed troops in Warsaw and off the coast of Gdańsk. The workers asked for arms from the government to defend themselves from the Soviets but their request was denied. It was at this point on October 19th that Władysław Gomułka asserted his leadership by promising Khrushchev that he would not let worker unrest destabilize the communist system in Poland. The deal was agreed to and Gomułka removed the worst of Stalinism in Poland, but at the same time slowly began to rein in the workers and by April of 1958 all the workers' councils were disbanded and the right to strike forbidden again.

On October 23, inspired by the Poznań uprising, the Hungarians began a mass demonstration in Budapest thereby starting the "Hungarian Revolution." However, the outcome was not to be as it was in Poland. Soviet troops entered Hungary and mercilessly crushed this revolution with tanks and troops. This show of brutal force made it clear that satellite countries would always look nervously to the East, which was to last until 1980 when the workers at the Gdańsk Shipyards formed Solidariność and eventually brought down the entire communist system in Europe.























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Przysłowia Polskie

Jeżeli w kwietniu pszczoły nie latają, to długie chłody się zapowiadają. If in April bees do not fly, lingering cold they prophesy.

Kalendarz

May 3–6 Festival of Nations
May 4–6 Bus Trip to Chicago
Oct 28 Soup Fest
Nov 30–Dec 2 Bus trip to Chicago's
European Christmas Mart

Dec 16 Wigilia

Membership

We are a volunteer organization and, as such, we are only as strong as our members and volunteers. For all of you who volunteer your time, we thank you; for all of you who support us through your membership and donations, we are indebted to you for your generosity.

Your membership makes it possible for us to carry out our mission of promoting and celebrating Polish and Polish-American culture here in the Upper Midwest. If you are not a member or do not subscribe to this newsletter, please consider doing so. If you are a member, please spread the word about us. Dziękuję!

From the Library Library will be closed April 8 for Easter

Our thanks to Gloria Bergstrom for the wonderful collection of coloring books, comics, youth readers and subject dictionaries. Thanks to Kathryn LaVine for two copies of the rosary on tape in Polish. We've had patrons who have asked for this in the past. Finally, thanks to Deana Dickerson for a survival story auto-

graphed by its author, Alice Birnhak.

This month we added 5 new audio books: Biegly by Jeffrey Archer, Co slonko widzialo and O krasnoludkach i o sierotce Marysi by Konopnicka; Przedwiosnie and Syzfowe prace by Zeromski. Including the above, the library now contains 4,052 titles.

There are a good number of free Polish e-books available. So far we've only found the classics; but we are looking further for more contemporary literature. We are considering offering a Polish language book club using these e-books and would like to hear from people who may be interested. Please email judytam@usfamily.net with your comments.

Thanks to everyone who attended our 2007 Bal Karnawałowy. Pictures are posted on Snapfish for people who would like to view them or purchase select shots. For an invitation to the site, email judytam@usfamily.net. Pictures from the Urban Expedition–Poland will be available shortly.

Our thanks to TPT Channel 2 for their invitation to appear in Polish costume during the pledge breaks of the March showings of the famous Polish folk company Mazowsze. We appreciate having the opportunity to let a larger number of people know about our activities. More and more often we are invited to appear on programs and parades in Polish costume. This is difficult because PACIM owns only one costume and only a few of our members personally own costumes. If there are people out there (men and women) who no longer use their costumes, please consider donating them to PACIM where they will be put to good use. For more information or to donate, call Judith at 763-571-9602.

ACPC Raffle Time

The American Council for Polish Culture once again is raising funds for its scholarship fund. The Raffle is a 50/50 fund raiser with the prizes split: 20%-10%-10%-10%-Price is 6 for \$10. Send your check payable to PACIM to PACIM, PO Box 18403, Minneapolis, MN 55418. Please include a S.A.S.E. so we can return your stubs. Deadline is May 25th.

- Judith Blanchard, Librarian

A Traveller's History of Poland

Poland is a major European country with over 38 million inhabitants and a land area comparable to Spain. It has played a major role in European history but its subjugation by foreign powers in the nineteenth century and during the Cold War eclipsed Poland in the minds of many in Western Europe and the United States. Throughout its long and diverse history it has been a meeting place of many cultures and has given the world the poetry of Czesław Miłosz, the music of Chopin, and the scientific discoveries of Copernicus and Marie Curie, to name but a few.

In A Traveller's History of Poland, John Radziłowski vividly describes the beginnings of the country, first fragmented then reborn to overcome the aggression of the Teutonic Knights and its greedy neighbors. Poland enjoyed a Golden Age in the fifteen and sixteenth centuries but a gradual decline then led to Poland losing its autonomy despite winning many battles with its army's legendary military skill and gallantry. Yet the spirit of the country and its people lived on. Since the horrors of the Second World War and Soviet control, Poland has gradually regained its rightful place in Europe, joining NATO in 1999 and in May 2004, the EU. It is playing a new role on the European and international stage. This makes now an ideal time to introduce students and travellers to Poland and its complex history through the pages of this Traveller's History. The book includes a full chronology, a list of monarchs and rulers, a gazetteer, historical maps and is fully illustrated.

About the Author

John Radziłowski is a writer and historian. He received his Ph.D. in history in 1999 with a specialization in East European History. He has written and spoken widely on Polish history and current affairs. He is the author or co-author of several books on Polish themes, including: Poland's Transformation, Spanish Carlism and Polish Nationalism, The Eagle and the Cross: A History of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. In 1998 he received the Cavalier's Cross of the Order of Merit from the President of the Republic of Poland.

Events

Many events are given to us well in advance of the actual date. Please call the contact information to verify particulars. To list your event, contact Judith at judytam@usfamily.net

If you would like more timely and last minute updates to local events, email us at polamnewsletter@yahoo.com and put "Polish Update" on the Subject line.
We'll add you to our Polish Events e-mail list.

February 22—April 8 Continuing The Other Voices of Auschwitz

A photographic exhibition honoring non-Jews who died at Auschwitz, photographed by PACIM director Irene Colston, is displayed in the main hall of Calvary Baptist Church, 2608 Blaisdell Ave. S., Minneapolis. You may visit the exhibition anytime between 9 am and 8 pm daily except Saturdays when the building is open 9 am to 12 noon. The church has two parking lots and parking is also available on the street. For more information, call 612-872-7855.

April 1 Dolina Polish Folk Dancers and 3M Club Symphony Concert

The 3M Club Symphony Orchestra, together with the Dolina Polish Folk Dancers, will present their annual folk music concert on Sunday, April 1st at 7 pm. The performance will be held at the Maplewood Community Center located at the intersection of White Bear Ave. and County Road B in Maplewood. Tickets are \$7 from the Maplewood Community Center 651-779-3555 (Visa and Master Card are accepted). A \$2 discount is available for senior citizens and MCC members. The concert will feature "The Little Suite" by Witold Lutoslawski, and a Mazurka composed by the 19th-century Russian composer Glinka, as part of his opera, "A Life for the Czar."

April 14 Minnesota Genealogy Program

The Polish Genealogical Society will present two talks, "Chain Migration," and a Panel Q&A Session, at the Minnesota Genealogical Society Branching-Out pro-

gram to be held on Saturday, April 14th, at Lake Junior High School in Woodbury. For more information go to "mngs.org", then "quarterly programs," or contact Terry Kita @ 612 927 0719, or email: terrykita@earthlink.net

April 15 Frederic Chopin Society

On Sunday, April 15 at 3 pm, The Frederic Chopin Society (www.chopinsocietymn.org) will present Austrian pianist Ingolf Wunder in recital. The concert will be at the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College, 130 Macalester St., St. Paul. Wunder maintains a busy concert schedule throughout Europe, while his webcast performances at the XV International Chopin Competition in Warsaw in 2005 brought him worldwide attention and resulted in his invitation to play in Minnesota.

Tickets are \$20 each, or \$17 for Society members when purchased or reserved in advance. Student tickets are \$12 with student ID. To reserve tickets, please call 612-822-0123 or send an email to chopinsocietymn@aol.com.

April 21 Polka Dance

The Midwest Polka Association will host "Stephanie" from the state of New York "American's Polka Sweetheart" and her Honky Band on Saturday, April 21 from 7-11 pm at the Sergeant John Rice VFW Post, 1374 109th Ave NE in Blaine, MN.

April 28 Polish Constitution Day Festivities in Little Falls

Saturday, April 28th, the Polish Echos Club will begin a weeklong celebration of Polish Constitution Day in Little Falls. Celebration begins with Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes church at 4:30 pm along with a Polish Dinner from 4:30 to 7 pm. Cost of dinner is \$15. For more information see page 3.

May 3, 4, 5 & 6 2007 Festival of Nations

At the 2007 Festival of Nations in St. Paul, 97 different ethnic groups from around the world will share their foods, crafts and traditions that form the mosaic

of our American culture. Enjoy one of the nation's largest and longest-running multi-cultural events and discover that there is so much more to who we are. The International Institute of Minnesota presents the 75th Festival of Nations to celebrate the richness of these diverse cultures. At RiverCentre, 175 West Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul.

General Public Hours: Friday, May 4th 4–10 pm; Saturday, May 5th 10 am–10 pm; Sunday, May 6th, 10 am–6 pm. Advance Tickets are available until May 3 at all Byerly's locations and International Institute of Minnesota for Adults: \$9 and Youth: \$7 and during the Festival at Byerly's and RiverCentre for Adults: \$11 and Youth: \$7.

Work for 4 hours at the Festival at the PACIM kitchen and receive free entrance tickets. Call Marta at 763-546-5686.

May 4-6 Trip to Polish Chicago

The Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota is sponsoring a bus trip to Chicago for Polish Constitution Day. Travelers will:

- March (or ride) in the Constitution Day Parade
- Dine at several Polish restaurants.
- Shop in the Polish district for gifts and food to bring back, including a stop at a pierogi factory.
- Attend Polish mass at St. Hyacinth Church

We will leave Friday at 8 am and return approximately 8 pm on Sunday. The price is \$235 and includes bus, hotel, (double occupancy), 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners. To register contact Phyllis Husted at 763-566-8812 or email her at pahusted@aol.com.

May 5 Polish Genealogical Program

The PGA's May 5th program will feature a talk by author John Radziłowski, about his most recent book, *The Traveller's History of Poland*. This will be held at the MGS Library, from 10 am until noon. See 'mngs.org', then 'Branches', then 'Polish Genealogical Society', contact Terry Kita at 612-927-0719, or email 'terrykita@earthlink.net'.

People



Margo Dydek Professional Basketball Star

Małgorzata Dydek (born on 28 April 1974 in Poznań, Poland) is a Polish professional basketball player who competes internationally. In the United States she is known as Margo Dydek. Currently center for the

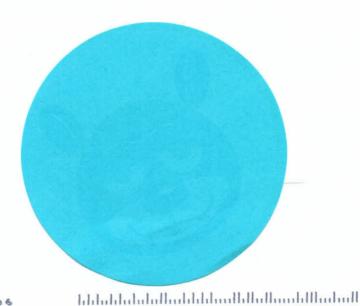
Connecticut Suns in the WNBA, Dydek started playing basketball at age 12.
Standing at 7ft-2in, Dydek is the tallest player in WNBA history, and stands even taller than Shaquille O'Neal. She made her American national television debut on NBC's The Tonight Show with Jay Leno in 1998. She has played professionally for two Polish teams as well as for French and Spanish teams. She speaks Polish, French, Spanish, English, and Russian.



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Przepraszam, nie mówię po polsku. I'm sorry I don't speak Polish.

Proszę, o pomoc.

I need help.

Przepraszam, gdzie jest toaleta? Where is the restroom, please?

Polarie Club Scholarships

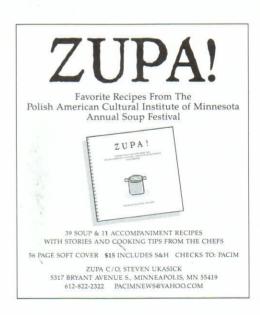
Celebrating our 80th anniversary in October 2007!

The Polanie Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul is offering a limited number of \$2000 scholarships for the academic year 2007-2008. Qualifying applicants are USA citizens or permanent residents of Polish-American ancestry who are Minnesota residents with a GPA of 2.5 or better. Scholarships will be available to those persons, ages 18-25, who are seeking financial aid for further education beyond high school.

Applications must be postmarked by July 1, 2007. Applicants will be notified about the decision in August 2007.

To request an application or additional information, please send a selfaddressed and stamped envelope to:

Polanie Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul Attn: Scholarship Committee 643 Madison St. NE Minneapolis, MN 55413



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