

A writer and editor esteemed by colleagues for indefatigable historical research, **Maureen Mroczek Morris** has contributed to academic publications including works by Roman Włodek, an expert on Yiddish films in Poland in the interwar period. She is a regular contributor to the Polish Biographical Dictionary (PSB).

She lent her research skills to film productions (*Irena Sendler: In the Name of Their Mothers; Bridging Urban America; The Prince and the Dybbuk*).

Maureen produced historical booklets for the Bay Area Polish Heritage Festival. Her articles appeared in *Cosmopolitan Review.com*, where she was researcher and copy editor. She contributed articles to the Polish-American Historical Association. She provided research material for *Across the Atlantic* (Braun). Her online articles include "Polish California: From Pioneers to Silicon Valley." She is working on a book with Mr. Lynn Ludow entitled:

Korwin

A Polish 49er in Old Californy

(An Uncommon Biography)

Big Ralph Fights the Czar from Afar

--And Helps Two Struggling Geniuses

Maureen commissioned translations of letters by Polanders including Modjeska, Piotrowski, Sienkiewicz, Horain, and Strentzel.

At the historic Mission district's Polish Club, Maureen volunteers as its treasurer, historian, and sometimes property manager. She manages the website of the Polish Club as writer and researcher. She coordinated movie screenings at the Polish Club and elsewhere, and managed the Facebook group pages for the Honorary Polish Consul in San Francisco and the SF-Kraków Sister Cities Association. She arranged book events (e.g., T. Wood [Karski], B. Holmgren [Modjeska]). Presentations included "Jan Karski" at the War Memorial

Veterans Building and "150 Years of the Polish Society of California" at the Fairmont Hotel.

On the Polish Club's website, <https://www.PolishClubSF.org>, Maureen documented some of the numerous Bay Area Polanders who joined the Polish Society in San Francisco (since 1863). She was a former board member of the Polish Arts and Culture Foundation and Łowiczanie Polish Folk Ensemble.

Among her favorite Polish cities are Sandomierz (the area from whence her paternal grandparents hailed) and Kraków (where she studied at Jagiellonian University). Maureen's father was granted Polish citizenship in his 100th year in 2016.

In 2005 Maureen received the Pro Memoria medal. In 2014 Bronisław Komorowski awarded her with the "Krzyżem Kawalerskim Orderu Zasługi Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej." She was honored with the Skalny Civic Achievement Award from The Polish American Historical Association in 2024.

Maureen met former Polish President A. Kwaśniewski & Solidarity icon Lech Wałęsa in San Francisco. At Polish President Duda's visit to San Jose in 2019, Maureen displayed her exhibit about Polish Pioneers in California.