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### **BIO:**

Dogs have been a part of my life since birth and specifically showing and breeding purebred dogs has been a part of my life since I received a Collie pup when I was 12 years old. After successfully breeding and showing rough and smooth Collies for almost 40 years, life changes required me to take a break. During that “break” I met my husband-to-be, who showed Irish Wolfhounds. I was again “hooked” (not just on my new husband, but the Irish Wolfhound breed), and I joined him in this adventure under the name, Glenn Eyrie. Since the first litter in 2011, and with a small breeding program of one litter about every 2-3 years, we have bred and owned twenty champions with six more youngsters on their way towards championship.

As a person who believes in giving back, and has trouble saying no, I have been the secretary, webmaster, and subsequently the President of the Northern California Irish Wolfhound Club for multiple years. I have been on the Board of Directors of the Irish Wolfhound Club of America for four years, and I am currently the President. I am also the lead editor of a team that produces the quarterly IWCA publication, Harp & Hound.

On a personal level, in addition to being married to Jim, I have two grown daughters and one grandson. I retired 10 years ago from a career in education as a vice president of academics at a college in the Napa Valley, California. I am deeply honored to be asked to speak at the Congress representing the Irish Wolfhound Club of America.

## **100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY OF IWCA, HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BREED IN US**

### **Abstract:**

The Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA) celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2026. Who brought the first wolfhounds over to the “colonies”? When and who were the first wolfhounds registered with the American Kennel Club? Who established the IWCA and how has it impacted the breed? What about the AKC Standard? Who were some of the American National Best of Breed winners, where did they come from and what impact did they have on the breed? And finally, what do American breeders see as positive and negative for the future of the breed? These and other insights will be explored in this interesting glance at the Irish Wolfhound in America.