## Two Lamorinda Teams Place in Odyssey of the Mind World Competition By Steve Angelides

wo Lamorinda teams placed in the top 6 in their division in the world Odyssey of the Mind creative problem-solving competition in East Lansing Michigan over Memorial Day Weekend.

The Moraga Rotary Team A from Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School placed 5th out of 50 teams in the problem entitled "The Large and Small of It." This problem requires teams to create and present an original performance that integrates team-created small pages and large versions that change appearance. The large versions serve as stage sets for the performance. The Moraga team used a James Bond theme for its performance.

The Happy Valley Elementary School Team placed 6th out of 67 teams in the problem entitled

"Around the World in 8 Minutes." In this problem, teams create and present a performance of a trip around the world that includes stops at three locations, two real and one imaginary. The Happy Valley team's performance used pen and pencil characters that traveled to Pennsylvania and to the imaginary pen and pencil land.

The other two Lamorinda teams in the world competition were from Miramonte High School and Stanley Middle School. Both of those teams competed in the problem entitled "I'm Only Thinking of You!" For this problem, teams create and present an original humorous performance that includes a self-centered character who attempts to take advantage of others three times.

Each of these four Lamorinda teams placed in the top three in their division at the East Bay Regional Tournament at College Park High School. Each of these teams then went on to place second in their division at the California State Tournament in Visalia.

A total of 12 teams from the East Bay competed at the world tournament in Michigan this year. Besides the two Lamorinda teams, three other East Bay teams placed in the top 6 in their division at the world competition in Michigan. Sycamore Valley Elementary School in Danville placed 3rd. San Ramon Valley High School in Alamo, and Glenview Elementary School in Oakland, each placed 5th.





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