

# Peace Poster contest Draws Hundreds of Entries Locally

Submitted by Robert Murtagh



From Joaquin Miller Intermediate School, from left, Lion Dana Glasgow, winner Sara Yuan, Principal Joan Danilson, winner Natalie Tang, teacher M. Wexler, winner Fatima Taymurer and Lion Bob Murtagh.



From Orinda Intermediate School, from left, teacher Susan Weiss, winners Willa Kay, Lydia Gant, Aidan McCart, Maren McDonald and Lion Bob Murtagh.



From Stanley Middle School, from left, teacher Robert Anke, winners Alex Gonzales, Claudia Cruse and Lion Bob Murtagh.

More than 200 Lamorinda intermediate school students participated in the 29th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest this year. This contest is sponsored by Lions Clubs around the world to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere. The theme this year was "A Celebration of Peace," and the winners pictured will move on to the next level of competition. It's estimated that over 600,000 entries from more than 200 countries will compete for a grand prize of \$5,000.

For more information about the contest and the Lamorinda Lions club, contact Bob Murtagh at (925) 283-1841.

# Teardrop Trailer Gets a Name

Submitted by Tom Black



Juliette Moore, center, is flanked by Claire Roberts of Orinda, president of Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary, and fellow club member Chuck Yeager of Lafayette.

Juliette Moore successfully named the teardrop trailer Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary is building and will raffle next spring as a fundraiser. Proceeds will benefit a variety of community-service programs.

By vote of club members "Teardrop Inn" was selected from among scores of names hopefuls inscribed on the sides of a prototype displayed at the Lafayette Art & Wine Festival in September.

Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary, which has adopted the motto "We Build Stuff," in recent

years successfully raffled a pair of canoes. Like the trailer, both were hand-built from scratch.

For more information, email lamorindasunriserotary@gmail.com or visit http://www.lamorindasunrise.org.

The club, which in the coming year celebrates its 30th anniversary, meets over breakfast Fridays, beginning at 7 a.m. at Lafayette Hotel & Spa on Mount Diablo Boulevard in Lafayette. Guests are always welcome.

# Teen Radio Broadcast Celebrates Five Years on Voice America Kids

Submitted by Cynthia Brian



On Nov. 29, Express Yourself! Teen Radio broadcast its 243rd original program as it celebrates five years on the Voice America Kids Network.

What began in 2011 with two hosts and four reporters from Lamorinda has blossomed into more than 34 young adults hosting and reporting from all around the United States on topics that resonate with millennials and the YA community. This is a show for teens, by teens, and with teens, created and produced by veteran radio host and producer Cynthia Brian, whose radio broadcast has been airing live weekly since 1998 (www.StarStyleRadio.com).

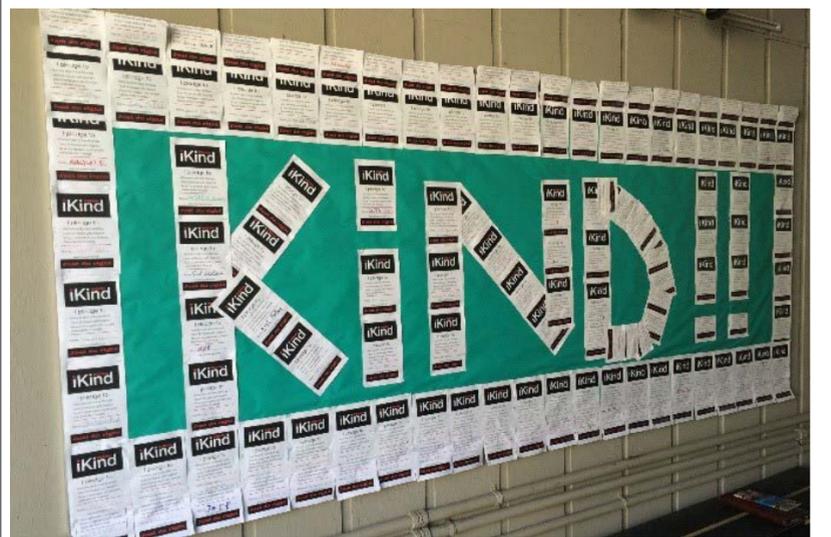
Many teens and young adults from Lamorinda have participated in this radio broadcast including current hosts and reporters Caiseen Kelly, Brigitte Jia, Zahra Hasanian, Maria Wong, Katie Lyons, Katie Choo, Alex Pawlakos, Eric Pawlakos, Jack Pawlakos, Chelsea Pelchat, and Seo Young Kim

Hosts interview authors, athletes, dancers, artists, scientists, astrologers, actors, Olympians and other celebrities as well as outstanding teens making a difference in the world.

See more at [www.voiceamerica.com/show/2014/express-yourself](http://www.voiceamerica.com/show/2014/express-yourself) and [www.bt-sya.com/express\\_youself\\_radio\\_show.html](http://www.bt-sya.com/express_youself_radio_show.html).

# The Saklan School Values Kindness

Submitted by Christine Kuckuk



The Saklan "Kindness" bulletin board.

Photo provided

The Saklan School was a proud participant in the Moraga iKind Project, incorporating the topic of "Kindness" into their social and emotional learning curriculum for the month of September. For the entire month, classes at all grade levels — even music, art, Spanish and physical education — included a focus on kindness.

Kindness was also the subject of Saklan's Family Group activities where teams of students from first grade through middle school are led by eighth graders with seventh-grade assistants. Teams created chains of different

colored construction paper containing their ideas for paying kindness forward at school, with family and in the community. The chains from different teams were then connected with a golden link. Saklan students as young as three-year-old Owlets and four-year-old Hoot Owls pledged to promote and value kindness.

On Friday, Nov. 4, local iKind organizer Wendell Baker attended The Saklan School's weekly Flag Assembly as an honored guest and was presented with nearly 150 pledge cards from students and staff.

# Moraga Teen to Study in Taiwan

Submitted by Gary Irwin

Vasch Elena Gerber of Moraga has been selected by Rotary District 5160 to be a Rotary exchange student to Taiwan for the 2017-2018 school year, and will be sponsored by Rotary Club of Moraga.

She is a Moraga resident and a freshman at Tilden Preparatory School, a 40-student private school in Walnut Creek that individualizes the pace and teaching method to address a wide range of learning needs. Vasch excels at languages and is studying Spanish, French, German, and Mandarin Chinese. She enjoys history and current affairs, and is a valued member of her school debate team.

Rotary District 5160 comprises the 72 northern California clubs, which currently has 11 inbound foreign exchange students and 11 outbound exchange students throughout the world. Vasch will go through many

training sessions with her parents regarding foreign travel, culture shock, youth exchange etiquette, safety, host parents, host clubs, etc. between now and next summer. Moraga Rotary finances this training plus her Rotary blue blazer, and her parents pay all the insurance, visa and travel expenses.

Vasch will be assigned to a host city and host Rotary club in Taiwan in the spring. When she is assigned, she will be hosted for the year by that local Rotary Club which will provide her board and housing, school fees, and a monthly stipend of about \$100.

Regular meetings of the Moraga Rotary are held on most Tuesdays at the Soda Center at St. Mary's College, and for further information, please call Frank May at 925-376-8195, or check out [moragarotary.org](http://moragarotary.org).