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Lamorinda OoTM teams advance to World Finals

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Top row, from left: (Moraga Rotary) Jack Ericsson-King, Vishal Lashkari, Alex Clare, Sebastian Fojut, Zachary Yu, and Ryan Ericsson King; bottom row: (Orinda Rotary) Alyssa Angsupanich, Kent Schechter, Michael Lin, Chloe Lai, Keira Taylor, Amy Schechter, and Naomi Cheng. Photo provided

Two local high school Rotary teams and one middle school team will be heading to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals, which will be held May 23-26, at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

The teams pictured are representing the Orinda Rotary and the Moraga Rotary. Both teams competed in Problem 2: Emoji, Speak for Yourself as well as completing a Spontaneous Problem in the regional competition and the state competition at UC Riverside where they placed first (Moraga Rotary) and second (Orinda Rotary). Orinda Intermediate School placed second in the same problem for Division II and will also advance to the World Finals. According to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals website, approximately 850 teams will represent their area in the largest creative problem solving program in the world.

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