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Lamorinda Odyssey of the Mind Teams shine at World Finals

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Front row, from left, Thomas Wang, Joseph Pak, Jordan Rodino, Tyler Akel, Beatrice Roberge, Sophia King, Nicholas Aiken, and Benjamin Wang. Back row, Jason Akel

The Moraga Rotary-sponsored Division 1 Odyssey of the Mind team finished fourth among 43 teams competing in Problem 4 - "Ready, Set, Balsa, Build" at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals held at Michigan State University in late May. The team, consisting of fifth-graders from Glorietta Elementary School and St. Perpetua School and coached by Jason Akel and Thomas Wang, was recognized as a top finisher at the World Finals awards ceremony. Over 850 teams from 15 countries competed at the World Finals, representing the best of thousands of teams that vied to go to the World Finals in each participating country.

Lamorinda was exceptionally represented at the World Finals with five area teams competing, each having earned a spot by placing first or second in their Problem and Division at the California State Competition in April. At the World Finals, all Lamorinda teams finished in the top 20, having competed against over 40 other teams in each Division and Problem:

Div 1, Prob 4 Moraga Rotary (pictured) --

4th Place

Div 1, Prob 1 Glorietta Elementary -- 16th

Div 2, Prob 2 Moraga Rotary -- 19th

Div 3, Prob 3 Moraga Rotary -- 12th

Div 3, Prob 4 Orinda Rotary --11th

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