



Fourth Place (tie): CORUNNA MID SCH, Corunna, MI
 Coach: Goerge Flynn
Team Members:
 Nathan Brown Amber Camp
 Cylest Frolka Jason Goodrich
 Nicky Homola Alana Speers
 Adam Spencer

Fifth Place: VILLA ACADEMY TM A, Seattle, WA
 Coach: Jonell Allamano
Team Members:
 Gina Allamano Harry Calbom
 Lindsey Gudger Weston Jondacka
 Brendan Mullally Michelle Mumm

Sixth Place (tie): LAKESIDE INT SCH TM A, Hot Springs, AR
 Coach: Janet Tarkington
Team Members:
 Will Crow Laura Hayne
 Leslie Hensley Emily Hiers
 Sara Hudson Matt Neighan
 Hunter Sanders

Sixth Place (tie): S S SEWARD INSTITUTE, Florida, NY
 Coach: Connie Kosior
Team Members:
 Mickey Coontz Richard Coontz
 Meghan Kosior Kenneth Kosior Jr
 Caitlin Pitt Jon Pitt

THE MAIL MUST GO THROUGH, Division III

First Place: CENTERVILLE H S Centerville, OH
 Coach: Joe Servaites
Team Members:
 Niki Bafana Nitin Chopra
 Scott Dyer Sarah Horgos
 Molly Kuehn Jamie Servaites
 Jeff Servaites

Second Place (tie): CAL-MUM H S Caledonia, NY
 Coach: Sylvia Kelly
Team Members:
 Leigh Adamson Danielle Merritt
 Melodee Sherwod Carl Vogt
 Colleen Vogt Benjamin Willistein
 Daniel Willistein

Second Place (tie): LEAVITT AREA HS, Turner, ME
 Coach: Virginia Plummer
Team Members:
 Andy Crabtree Jen Decker
 Jamie Duval Karly Eretzian
 Joe Mc Lean Sarah Plummer
 Neal Rioux

Third Place (tie): HOPKINS COMM ED PROG AMBER, Hopkins, MN
 Coach: Lori Johnson
Team Members:
 Eric Corndorf Eric Johnson
 Robin Kern Chris Lamopeak
 Gillian Monson Robbie Schingler
 Jenny Thomsen

Third Place (tie): WILSON JHS Appleton, WI
 Coach: Katherine Moy-Bye
Team Members:
 Adria Bye Erin Bye
 Leo Chen Victor Chen
 Mollie Collar Robert Friebel
 Matthew Kime

Third Place (tie): PARKVIEW H S TM B, Lilburn, GA
 Coach: Paul Sauro
Team Members:
 Kyle Allen J Corbett Griffith
 Nathan Jones Aaron Kahn
 Adam Nelson Adam Sauro
 Emmett Stallings

Fourth Place: KONG JIANG H S Shanghai, CHINA
 Coach: Wang Huan
Team Members:
 Liu Hua Cao Jun
 Wang Ling Qiao Song
 Ji Cheng Wei Xiao Zhen Yu
 Ren Zhen

Fifth Place: PORTERVILLE H S Springville, CA
 Coach: Todd Mc Nutt
Team Members:
 Randy Brumly Doug Burkhardt
 Joshua Mc Nutt Joshua Sherburne
 Andrew Tree James Webster

Sixth Place: GROTON H S Groton, SD
 Coach: Marie Miller
Team Members:
 T J Harder D J Hartman
 Matt Hinds Chuck Knudsen
 Paul Lewis Jeff Miller
 Sommer Schuring

Classics... VAUDEVILLE, Division I

First Place: ELLICOTT ELE SCH Orchard Park, NY
 Coach: Barbara Kurasch
Team Members:
 Bruce Courtney Jeff Day
 Erin Doyle Jim Kurasch
 Mary Beth McCune Eric Plunkett
 Jasio Zakrzewski

Second Place: STUART-HOBSON MID SCH, Washington, DC
 Coach: Greg Peterson
Team Members:
 Natasha Czarniewy Evan Jones
 Kareema Mc Cloud Najiy Munir
 Emily Perry Jason Snell
 Toussaint Tingling

Third Place (tie): PARK VIEW SCH TM A, Glen Ellyn, IL
 Coach: Linda Robinson
Team Members:
 Jennifer Barnes Paul Fleming
 Jessica Klausner Kevin Kuhlman
 Lisa Rellula Eric Robertson
 Landis Wiedner

Sixth Place: WREN MID SCH TM A Piedmont, SC
 Coach: Barb Godsey
Team Members:
 Amanda Davis Jeena Godsey
 Jill Hartwig Amy Hood
 J D Hopkins Matthew Knight
 Derrick Simpson

Classics... VAUDEVILLE, Division II

First Place: HOOD SCH Derry, NH
 Coach: Debbie Bulkley
Team Members:
 Lindsey Bulkley Meredith Bulkley
 Jamie Saucier Jennifer Saucier
 Jill Tremblay Betsy Walters

Second Place (tie): MILDRED E STRANG MID SCH, Yorktown Heights, NY
 Coach: Sheryl Goldberg
Team Members:
 Meagan Cass Jennifer Epting
 Adam Klausner Jonathan Marden
 Matthew Nullet Zaki Raheem
 Linda Strubbe



Third Place (tie): SWANSON ELE SCH, Omaha, NE
 Coach: Kathy Connors
Team Members:
 Sarah Anderson Sarah Davie
 Kasey Joyce Laurel Karnes
 Douglas Sherrets Jessica Sherrets
 Harrison Wagenseil

Fourth Place: R E BAKER ELE SCH Bentonville, AR
 Coach: Shawn Hull
Team Members:
 Erin Cole Cissie Ogle
 Delaney Phalen Thomas Phalen
 Sascha Siahmakoun Megan Witherspoon

Fifth Place: CRESTWOOD INTER-MEDIATE SCH, Chesapeake, VA
 Coach: Dawn Shropshire
Team Members:
 Liza Baer Michelle Crawford
 Nickesha Neal Sarah Quesinberry
 Carleta Ricks Shari Schaefer
 Meghan White

Second Place (tie): CHILDREN'S CREATIVITY HOME Miass, Chelyabinsk, Russia
 Coach: Vasilievna Antonova
Team Members:
 Andrei Antonov Kseniya Chernysheva
 Artem Malenkikh Yuri Muhamedyarov
 Irina Musabirova Veronika Salmina

Third Place (tie): LANIER MID SCH TM C, Buford, GA
 Coach: Judy Crawford
Team Members:
 Brad Henderson Danica Pruitt
 Will Puckett Meredith Story
 Amanda Sutton Natalie Thompson

Third Place (tie): JEFFERSON JHS Washington, DC
 Coach: Susan Sprenke
Team Members:
 Lateef Abney Sharona Bean
 Terasita Edwards Neferteria Francis
 Marshall King Michael Pinckney
 Christopher Robinson

Fourth Place: WILLIAM PENN MID SCH, Yardley, PA

Coach: Debbie Verdini

Team Members:

Kim Bevry Eric Dierks
Lauren Edwardson Brian Falk
Molly Green Mia Verdini
Tiffany Voll

Fifth Place (tie): BELLEVILLE ISP PROG, Belleville, IL

Coach: Jim Mourey Sr

Team Members:

Maureen Cassin Krystal Goodwin
Brett Heger Jim Mourey Jr
Drandy Mueller Kari Unverfehrt
Ben Wymer

Fifth Place (tie): JAMESTOWN SCHS, Jamestown, RI

Coach: Mary Matteson

Team Members:

Stefan Gislason Liz Gotauco
Katie Greene Tom Kaiser
Matt Knudsen David Reynolds
Robin Everett Mc Guire

Sixth Place (tie): HUDSON MID SCH, Hudson, WI

Coach: J Leir and D Smith

Team Members:

David Bieraugel Jeremy Davis
Libby Fischer Caroline Hardin
Allison Kary Allison May
Mark Selon

Sixth Place (tie): COCOPAH MID SCH, Scottsdale, AZ

Coach: Tom Wolfe

Team Members:

Kelly Braich Emily Ferrell
Rachel Gross Staci Menayas
Megan Robertson Rachael Weldon-Smith

Classics... VAUDEVILLE, Division III

First Place: SCIENCE HILL H S Johnson City, TN

Coach: Ann Blevins

Team Members:

Nelle Blevins John Bradley
Chris Carle Tim Lafollette
Nick Siefers Corey Slagle
Melissa Waage

Second Place: NICKERSON H S Nickerson, KS

Coach: Carol Hess

Team Members:

Morgan Brown Jason Dickey
Julia Huskins Jeremy Krenzin
Marilee Rose Michael Sapp

Third Place (tie): RENO H S Reno, NV

Coach: Donna Shultz

Team Members:

Austin Anderson Michael Berry
Scott Campbell Vanessa Schweizer
Nikki Shultz Mairin Tausch

Third Place (tie): UNIVERSITY H S Tucson, AZ

Coach: Susan Shetler

Team Members:

Kirstin Eggers Mandy Guendelsberger
Amanda Karam Matt Lahiff
Sarah Salwin Sara Nixon-Kirschner

Fourth Place: FAIRFIELD H S Fairfield, CT

Coach: Adele Josovitz

Team Members:

Patrick Francis Craig Geiling
Brendan Hogan Doris Josovitz
Kate Simses Allison Sullivan

Fifth Place (tie): ST ANNE'S H S Tecumseh, ON

Coach: Rick Godfrey

Team Members:

Aron Godfrey Mike Kadour
Megan O' Brien Derek Wright
Lia Zannier

Fifth Place (tie): CRYSTAL PROG Oregon, WI

Coach: Penny Paster

Team Members:

Lisa Barroilhet Cadie Langer
Dee Dee Paster Eli Paster
Zak Paster Chad Rittenhouse

Sixth Place: RAYMOND CENTRAL SCH, Raymond, NE

Coach: Susan Schrader

Team Members:

Kelly Buresh Toby Dahl
Josh Martin Angela Mc Farling
Shawn Petri Jill Suchy
Anna Swanson

Classics... VAUDEVILLE, Division IV

First Place: WILMINGTON COLLEGE, Wilmington, OH

Coach: Ron Rembert

Team Members:

Chris Adkins Thomas Burriss
Amanda Jones Samer Kasbari
Robbie Kelley Dylan Shelton
Erin Shelton

Second Place: GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, Statesboro, GA

Coach: Amanda Wilkerson

Team Members:

Cris Beetschen Latosha Dixon
Derek Lewis Scott Mulkey
Amanda Wilkerson

Third Place: WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY, Morgantown, WV

Coach: Justine Swaney

Team Members:

Mark Brantner Alicia Drais
Trisha Kalbaugh Justine Swaney
Steve Weber

Fourth Place: ALBION COLLEGE Albion, MI

Team Members:

Sally Goff Jennifer Jones
Adam LaPratt Marcus LaPratt
Lori Park Alex Tashian

Fifth Place: VIRGINIA TECH Blacksburg, VA

Coach: Camille Chapman

Team Members:

Camille Chapman Kelly Chapman
Dale Chenault Robert Humfeld
Andrew Malstrom Robert Osberg

Sixth Place: CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

Newport News, VA

Coach: Eric Pesola

Team Members:

Regina Canty Michelle Gallo
Eric Pesola Kristy Punston
Eric Thomas Josh Webb

A NEW TWIST, Division I

First Place: POQUOSON ELE SCH

Poquoson, VA

Coach: Richard Boitnott

Team Members:

Kelsey Boitnott Bryan Dezern
Andrea Murphy Ronnie Parikh
Joel Sanderson Alana Smeltzer
Elizabeth Mc Clendon

Second Place: CHILHOWIE ELE SCH, Chilhowie, VA

Coach: Doug Bise

Team Members:

Daniel Bise Ashley Collins
Carolina Gaultney Leah Gaultney
Heather Hicks Martin Mash
Misty Mash

Third Place: ALFARATA ELE SCH TM A, Huntingdon, PA

Coach: Jeff Coppes

Team Members:

Leslie Buza Caitlin Coppes
Caitlin Hanlon Dana Miller
Alison Reingold Philip Weller
Alison Whalen

Fourth Place: CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCH

Temple Terrace, FL

Coach: Dave Greene

Team Members:

Sarah Greene Rachel Madahl
Emily Pammer Timmy Shaughnessy
Phillip Wallinger Max Valazquex
Madis

Fifth Place: MARTINEZ ELE SCH Martinez, GA

Coach: Jim Poole

Team Members:

Melissa Anderson Joey Ellis
Megan English Ryan English
Paul Green Chris Parham
Luke Poole

Sixth Place: PALMETTO MID SCH Williamston, SC

Coach: Tanis Veres

Team Members:

Jennifer Bradbery Brandon Cok
Emily Gerisch Jennifer Poore
Jennifer Scroggs Joshua Veres
Matthew Welborn

A NEW TWIST, Division II

First Place (tie): SEVASTOPOL SCHOOL, Sturgeon Bay, WI

Coach: Dan Powers

Team Members:

Kristi Borkovetz Jacob Dorneden
Matt Gilbert Andrew Nick
Constance Rudolph Matt Rusche
Paul Stack



First Place (tie): MACONAQUAH MID SCH

Bunker Hill, IN

Coach: Lewis Little

Team Members:

Mike Johnson Zachary Little
Adam Piper Andrew Rand
Zach Sampsel Cam Spurgeon
Nick Tillett

Second Place: OAK HILL MID SCH Clearlake, CA

Coach: Jim Heffington

Team Members:

Crystal Chrisp Pete Constable
Joey Gustafson Lynze Jackson
Angela Mantele Jesse Phillips
Nikki Wycoff

Third Place: BERKSHIRE MID SCH Birmingham, MI

Coach: Chris Heiter

Team Members:

Louis Dragisity Angela Hamade
Noah Heilbrun Kathryn Heiter
Sean Mac Callum Douglas Marsh
Elizabeth Prysby

Fourth Place: WHISCONIER MID SCH GOLD, Brookfield, CT

Coach: Maureen Thomas

Team Members:

Mike Ftaclas Sara Shahlamian
Greg Strait Conor Thomas
Greg Tirri Brian Weiner
Amy Zinser

Fifth Place (tie): MAPLE GROVE JHS TM A, Maple Grove, MN

Team Members:

Robi Bhattacharyya Tim Connoy
Lauren Denneson Tom Hartung
Emily Hestness

Fifth Place (tie): ARNOLD JHS TMA, Houston, TX

Coach: Kelley Weigand

Team Members:

Lauren Barbazette Josh Bartel
Deanna Bevereling Avery Holton
Jennifer Solt Marty Wadsworth
Adam Watson

Sixth Place: BELL OAKS SCH TEAM A, Bellmawr, NJ
 Coach: Bill Reinhart
Team Members:
 Erica Ciano April Flager
 Victoria Hall Ryan Lewis
 Nicole Miskofsky Laura Swanson
 Jessica Wheeler

A NEW TWIST, Division III

First Place: PATRICK HENRY H S Ashland, VA
 Coach: Ron Patterson
Team Members:
 Steele Cooper Julie Junod
 Kellie Patterson Lindy Patterson
 C J Walton

Second Place: CANYON DEL ORO HS, Tucson, AZ
 Coach: Lynda Powell
Team Members:
 Chris Arbogast Harry Kao
 Justin Kwasney John Stockero
 Adam Thompson Kristi Thompson

Third Place (tie): CRESCENT VALLEY HS, Corvallis, OR
 Coach: Marshall Anderson
Team Members:
 Mark Anderson Michael Anderson
 Ben Brownell Jeff Gore
 Chris Graham Marcus Rampton

Third Place (tie): PANORAMA G/T PROG B, Panora, IA
 Coach: Dan Donahey
Team Members:
 Mark Donahey Travis Geopfert
 Philip Leo Mark Petersen
 Adam Schlenker Jamie Watts
 Aaron Wendl

Fourth Place: BARNWELL H S Barnwell, SC
 Coach: Scottie Moore
Team Members:
 Nelsa Creech Laura Hardy
 Eddie Moore Church Powers
 Lawton Swann Jamie Whittington

Sixth Place: FOREST PARK JR/SR HS, Ferdinand, IN
 Coach: Gene Welp
Team Members:
 Jennifer Gaesser Jeff Johanneman
 Matthew Kemper Chad Nord
 Chris Welp Lisa Welp

A NEW TWIST, Division IV

First Place: UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, Roanoke, VA
 Coach: Michele McLeod
Team Members:
 Wendy Beavers Sean Brister
 Bryan Long Tommy Long
 Michelle McLeod

Second Place (tie): GMI ENGINEERING & MGMNT, Flint, MI
 Coach: Tim Cameron
Team Members:
 Rob Bidinost Raymond Castner
 Brian Govern Mark Lulgjuraj
 Mike Perkin Brett Schaschek
 Christopher Wegner

Second Place (tie): VIRGINIA TECH Blacksburg, VA
 Coach: Bobby Soly
Team Members:
 David Bradley Brandon Ellison
 Christin Harvey Robert McNamee
 Julia Novak Bobby Soly

Third Place: UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE, N S W, AUSTRALIA
 Coach: Sandra Sirasch

Fourth Place: ROANE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Oak Ridge, TN
 Coach: Lucille Niemann
Team Members:
 Perry Barker Rick Brown
 Stephanie Francis Thomas Fraser
 Ken Joy Joanne Ledford
 Lucille Niemann

TIME TRAVELER, Division I

First Place: LEXINGTON INTERMEDIATE SCH, Lexington, SC
 Coach: Deborah Foust
Team Members:
 Debra Adele Crews Josh Foust
 Stephanie Graham Alan Hudson
 Foster Mathews Sarah Nichols
 Leigh Poindexter

Second Place: BUCKHORN ELE SCH, Brandon, FL
 Coach: Diane Ward
Team Members:
 Julie Anderson Ben Drennon
 Megan Field Amy Kukuk
 Jennifer Kuo Chas Tyler

Third Place: CHRIST THE KING SCH, Rutland, VT
 Coach: Lynn Gould
Team Members:
 Theresa Brown Brian Firliet
 Daniel Firliet Allison Gould
 Lauren Layn Stephen Reilly
 Colleen Stukus

Fourth Place (tie): CHERRYVILLE SOUTH ELE SCH, Cherryville, NC
 Coach: Belinda Martin
Team Members:
 Christopher Craft Meghan Lefevers
 Ashley Martin Tiffany Mc Swain
 Jennifer Robinson Jessica Sipe
 Whitney White

Fourth Place (tie): OLDE SAWMILL SCH, Dublin, OH
 Coach: Karen Schorejs
Team Members:
 John Ahmann Mike Grimm
 Jennifer Johnson Ashley Mattis
 Anne Schuster Gina Upperman
 Justin Wisner

Fifth Place: GLENLYON-NORFOLK SCH, Victoria, BC
 Coach: Rosemary Brown
Team Members:
 Kyna Davis Lauren Hegson
 Laura Knogler Amy Medve
 Elizabeth Panduro Jessica Prince
 Namrita Sodhi

Sixth Place (tie): MENASHA BLUE PROG, Menasha, WI
 Coach: Linda Thompson
Team Members:
 Katherine Groh Marisa Howse
 Amy Roth Derek Savela
 Lindsey Sokel Matt Thompson

Sixth Place (tie): WEAVER LAKE SCH, Maple Grove, MN
 Coach: John Piotraschke
Team Members:
 Sarah DeRoo Breanna Hanson
 Liz Hiestand Rachel Lipsey
 Joanne Neumann Melissa Vantassel
 Chelsea Warren

TIME TRAVELER, Division II

First Place: CURACAO AMERICAN PREP SCH, Netherlands Antilles, DI
 Coach: Thom Budish
Team Members:
 Ilana Becher Ian Budish
 Inga Budish Kelly Goff
 Lies Trump Mohit Vasandani
 Rishi Vasandani

Second Place: N OLMSTED ENRICHMENT PROG A N Olmsted, OH
 Coach: Cindy Hall
Team Members:
 Ben Bruening Chris Foreman
 Shawn Hall Rob Merwarth
 Christi Planisek Erica Rees

Third Place: FAIRFIELD WOODS MID SCH, Fairfield, CT
 Coach: R. J. Tubbs
Team Members:
 Shira Abrahms Ben Bleiman
 Elizabeth Carter Brian Harding
 Adam Lewis Jason Pollock
 Carly Tubbs

Fourth Place: WALKER-GRANT MID SCH, Fredericksburg, VA
 Coach: Tina Sheffield
Team Members:
 Jessica Burger Monet Keeve
 Corey Pritchett Cortney Seanor
 Alice Sharp Maggie Sheffield
 Garnet Straley

Fifth Place: WEST MID SCH TEAM A, Binghamton, NY
Team Members:
 Danielle Claudia Katie O' Loughlin
 Robert Rose Heather Smith
 Brett Thomas Erin Thompson
 Amy Woodard

Sixth Place (tie): KEPNER MID SCH TM A, Denver, CO
 Coach: Miranda Odom
Team Members:
 Jaslyne Castaneda Michael Galvez
 Tess Leyba Naomi Lopez
 Krysta Torres

Sixth Place (tie): LINCOLN MID SCH, Portland, ME
 Coach: Gretchen Larman
Team Members:
 Erin Carrigan Mike Crumrine
 Sam Koenigsberg Elizabeth Roenigsberg
 Daniella Swenton Eric Wespi
 Scott Wespi



Hat, Float and Banner Contest Winners



Hat

First Place: North Carolina
Second Place: British Columbia
Third Place: Louisiana

Semifinalists:

Curacao
Florida
Delaware
Vermont
Wisconsin
Oregon

Float

First Place: Delaware
Second Place: Mississippi
Third Place: North Carolina

Semifinalists:

New Jersey
Oklahoma
Tennessee
Florida
Michigan
West Virginia
New Hampshire

Banner

First Place: Florida
Second Place: Indiana
Third Place: Wisconsin

Semifinalists:

Massachusetts
Oklahoma
Michigan
Mississippi
Nevada
West Virginia
Pennsylvania



Appearances Count in the Coaches Competition!

This year, 100 officials and coaches entered a solution to the *Balloon Bowl* problem in the World Finals Coaches Competition. Eight of these entries were in the Officials Division, 34 were in the Purist Division and 54 were in the Poetic Division. When the solutions were scored, nine entries tied for first place. Judges then introduced another scoring element to break the tie and determine the winners. The winning entries were judged again—this time for the most creative vehicle design.

The “Muncher” received the highest score. This vehicle’s jaw-like movement broke the balloons à la “Pac Man” as opposed to the “spearing” technique generally used by other competitors. The vehicle with the next highest score was elaborately designed to resemble a colorful mosquito. Its “needle” pierced the balloons like a bug-biting pest. The third highest scorer was a vehicle with an intricate gear design. The gears allowed the vehicle to be propelled with great accuracy.

In all, these winners paid particular attention not only to the spirit of the problem (to have a vehicle travel across the floor and break a group of balloons) they also considered that the creative appearance of the vehicle could be an important factor in the event of a tie.



A Serious OM Performance Remembers the Holocaust

The Walker-Grant Middle School OM team from Fredericksburg, Virginia, traveled through time—and timeless experiences—this past year. The year was filled with learning experiences and emotional moments. The team’s final *Time Traveler* performance also contributed to its 4th-place ranking at the 16th annual OM World Finals competition in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The trip through time began when the team decided to memorialize the Holocaust in its OM problem solution. Since none of the team members are Jewish, they researched Judaism—its customs and history, past and present.

To conduct part of the necessary research, the team visited its local Beth Shalom Temple and interviewed Rabbi Steve Weisman. Team members also visited the Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Embassy of Israel in Washington, D.C. They viewed *Schindler’s List* and read *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

After much discussion, the team created a presentation that told a fictitious story of Reuven Weisman. Reuven, an inventor, was creating a time machine to transport his family away from the horrors of Poland during World War II. Before he was finished, the Nazis stormed his home, seizing his family. However,

Reuven’s ten-year-old daughter Rivkah escaped by hiding in the untested time machine. The machine launched her 50 years into the future.

Rivkah emerged in modern-day Israel, delighted to find a state set aside for the Jews. But she was dismayed and saddened to see that fighting existed among the Jews, Christians and Muslims. Her travels into the 21st century led her to the United Arab Israeli States, where a peaceful union existed among Israel and Middle Eastern countries.

The people there begged her to stay, but Rivkah was compelled to rejoin her family in Eastern Europe. Although she knew it was likely she would die in the gas chamber, the fact that her people would survive was her solace.

The team presented its memorial through different levels of OM competition. It was also part of a Holocaust Remembrance Service held in the local community. People from all faiths converged there to remember what happened 50 years ago and to find peace and healing.

Team members sent the script and a video copy of the performance to the Holocaust Memorial Museum.



A Special OM Team Welcomes Special Olympics

By Rick Kaletsky, OM Coach

Bethany, Connecticut, a small pastoral community, was proud to send a Division I *Vaudeville* team from Bethany Schools to the 1995 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. In addition to this notoriety, Bethany was selected as the host town for the Special Olympics delegation from Switzerland. The Special Olympics World Games were held in New Haven from July 1-9, 1995. It was hailed as the largest sporting event in the world for the year 1995.

To honor the special guests, the Bethany town officials held an American Picnic on June 28, 1995. Several hundred persons attended the event, which featured music, dancing and the presentation of many honors. It also featured a performance of the Bethany Schools *Vaudeville* team. The presentation was especially appropriate since the team members selected the Special Olympic World Games as their positive aspect of society.

In a speech introducing the performance, the *Vaudeville* team's OM coach spoke to all the special Olympic participants and guests. The remarks are excerpted as follows: *Odyssey of the Mind is an international competition with a mission to encourage and develop cooperation, self-respect and the appreciation and understanding of others. It values diversity, interaction and cultural sensitivity. Further, OM provides experiences that develop essential life survival skills. The overall journey of the Odyssey of the Mind experience offers a unique and challenging educational journey. The most important criteria for success are creativity, problem solving, teamwork and style.*

This year our team selected an OM problem called Vaudeville. It was required that the show include . . . three acts, an emcee, and a commercial. All the props, scenery and costumes had to fit in a trunk or suitcase with limited dimensions. Its message had to leave the audience with an upbeat feeling. And, one of the acts had to relate to a positive aspect of society, which the team chose as the Special Olympics World Games! We hope you enjoy the solution to the problem. More importantly, we hope that you enjoy the sport, spirit and splendor of the 1995 Special Olympic World Games!

The evening was a success—highlighted by the warm interaction between the OM team and the members of the Swiss Special Olympics team.



Briefly Speaking

The OM Association Board of Directors met in May, 1995. At that time the minutes of the March, 1995, OM Association Board Meeting were approved. Highlights of the March meeting follow:

- * The Board received the Treasurer's Report as well as the Membership /Summary Report.
- * The Board supported the Finance Committee's recommendation for the reallocation of the Scholarship and International Reserve Funds. These will be \$100,000 and \$250,000 respectively.
- * The Board carried the motion to fully fund the curriculum project and to continue to seek corporate funding for the project.
- * The Board charged the Marketing Committee to define an advertising policy.



Ranatra Fusca Awards (continued from page 3)

Long-Term Team Award: A New Twist, Division II
Writ County Middle School
Elizabeth, West Virginia

Citation: *This team showed exceptional creativity in its use of special effects. Especially remarkable was the use of polarization of light to create what was described by several judges as a tornado that was realistic enough to bring back bad memories.*

Individual Award: Daryl Zbrzezny
A New Twist, Division III
Orchard Park High School
Orchard Park, New York

Citation: *Daryl made creative use of the lamination process by building three trapezoid columns with a buttress on both top and bottom. These hollow posts were unusually creative and different and functioned very well.*

Long-Term Team Award: A New Twist, Division IV
University of Newcastle
New South Wales, Australia

Citation: *This team demonstrated creative interaction and integration of the theme of A New Twist. Their structure container twisted as it was carried. The theme was creatively carried through in a full-size character costume that twisted back and forth. This was a truly creative representation of the risk-taking and spirit of OM.*

Long-Term Team Award: Time Traveler, Division I
Lexington Intermediate School
Lexington, South Carolina

Citation: *This team showed exceptional creativity by using simple materials to construct its time machine and membership sign. Their characters were mice, and their props were created with items that looked like those scavenged by a mouse. These props were sized appropriately to reflect a mouse's perspective.*

Spontaneous Team Award: Time Traveler, Division I
Northern Hills Elementary School, Team A
Edmond, Oklahoma

Citation: *This team showed exceptional creativity in design, organization, and level of sophistication. This Division I team's level of creativity was well beyond its years. The team members' use of materials was truly unique, original, and effective. Their solution demonstrated the most novel approach seen by the competition officials. The team transformed common materials to illustrate their impact on human and environmental factors.*



OM Videotapes Win Awards

OM Association, Inc., video producer Ned Eckhardt, and RAC Productions share the accolades for the 1994 awards listed below—all citing the 1994 OM World Finals Video Yearbook:

Silver Cindy Award from the Association of Visual Communicators for "1994 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals"

Silver Shooting Star Award for Special Events from the American Corporate Video Awards for "1994 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals"

Award of Excellence from the Educational Press Association for "1994 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals"

Award of Excellence and First Place from the International Television Association (New Jersey Chapter) for "1994 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals"

The 1995 OM World Finals Video Yearbook will be available October, 1995. Request your copy now. Use the order form on page 10 of this newsletter.

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Contains basic competition information and OM membership rules.



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Provides an understanding of Style and how it relates to the long-term solution.

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OM Welcomes Another Assistant Director

Meet the other Assistant Director and newest member to the OMHQ staff, Linda Foster. Though Linda is new to the office she is not new to OM. She has most recently completed a term as New Jersey OM's Association Director. Before that she served as NJOM Program Administrator and Associate Council member.

Linda began her OM career in 1985 when she served as facilitator and coach to 165 OMERS in an after-school program. She continued to coach until April, 1995; served as an on-site consultant for the SEP at College Misericordia, Dallas, PA for two years and is a veteran OM World Finals judge of five years. Her most recent accomplishment as NJOM Association Director was to secure a NJ sponsorship for all printing and mailing expenses and the awarding of 52 special prizes.



Linda's work experience includes several years as a first grade teacher, ten years as a Gifted and Talented Coordinator, Coordinator of Critical Thinking Skills and most recently as an Enrichment Specialist. Her two children have experienced Odyssey of the Mind through osmosis for the past decade. Son, John is a District Head Teller and spontaneous Platform Manager in Basking Ridge. Daughter Jo-Lin, a recent graduate of Kutztown University, is a graphic design artist and the creator of several NJOM brochures and flyers.

Linda spends most of her time packing and unpacking. Her new OM responsibilities include special program development and international expansion. This all translates into planes, trains, automobiles, travel, travel, travel and Amusin' Cruisin'.

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OMER Remembers . . . *Tennessee '95*

While paddling down the river on a lazy afternoon,
I spied some students dancing to a mighty happy tune.
They beckoned me to join them—a wondrous sight to see,
A gathering of creative folks in Knoxville, Tennessee!

Those students took me down the road—with one on either hand,
I felt just like a *Time Traveler* journeying to a distant land.
We jumped into a great machine without a moment's worry,
By magic I became part of a quite unusual *Safari*.

And then our whirling vehicle took on a brand *New Twist*
(I thought by now I saw their plan—at least I got the gist!)
We landed in the past upon a great, enormous stage,
And I became an instant star when *Vaudeville* was the rage.

My kind companions asked me what I'd really like to do.
I said, "I'd like to see a place where all *The Mail Must Go Through*."
They took me to a sorting house where I decided to send
Hugs in packages as well as three special letters to friends.

I wrote to Cookie first, so she could join all the fun.
I wrote to Milkweed next, to bring some trading pins—one ton!
I saved the last for Dr. Sam to thank him for my trip
And asked him what next year would bring aboard his special ship.

He promised me I would see great wonders yet untold.
New problems to be figured out, new challenges so bold.
But if I join him again in Iowa next year
He also promises I'll find the love I found right here.

For most of all we must remember (though the trip is fast)
The taking part, the friends we make, the love we felt will last.
While winning is exciting (We know that is a fact!)
The memories of all we shared keep us coming back!

Once more I was paddling on a lazy afternoon
In a riverboat with feet propped up a' listening to a tune.
And then I knew I could relive each moment, yet, it's true!
I only have to close my eyes and picture all of you!

For you're what makes my journey special and forever new.
You're the past, the present, and of course, the future too!
You have the vision and the dream that takes us on a flight,
Cause ODYSSEY's a trip that takes us to a place called Life.

