



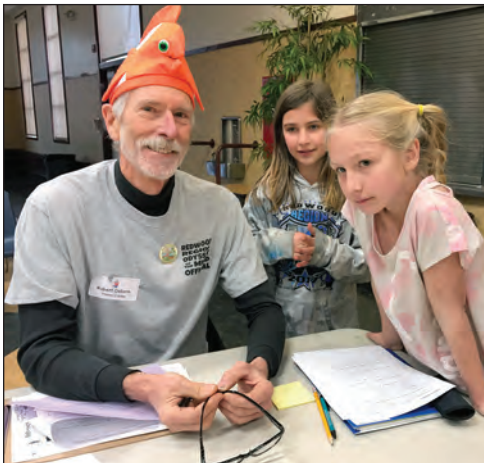
## Odyssey of the Mind

is an international creative problem-solving program that engages students in their learning by allowing their knowledge and ideas to come to life in an exciting, productive environment.

This year Rylan, Aubrey, and Sierra were all on a separate Odyssey of the Mind team. All three of their teams placed first in this year's Odyssey of the Mind! Now all three and their teams will be competing in the California State Tournament being held in Southern California in Riverside this coming weekend!

This year, Robert was one of the judges for Odyssey of the Mind. No, he did not judge any of the grandkids' teams. The teams he judged had to come up with something related to aliens thus why he is wearing the silly hat!

[www.odysseyofthemind.com/](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/).



## Talent Show

Every year the elementary school Aubrey and Sierra attend has a talent show. This year Aubrey & 5 friends wrote a skit to perform a "talent show" within the talent show, complete with a judging panel, three contestants, and a 1st prize *pretend* check of \$100,000. Aubrey was the MC.

Sierra and her friend, Gus, put on a magic show pulling a bunny out of a hat and making items disappear and reappear, so cute and performed with such charm!



## Brothers

This recent commissioned drawing was a surprise birthday present to the owner of two 17-year-old brothers. I am still not drawing as much as I'd like, maybe because I'm back to being more involved with dogs now that I signed up as secretary for our local club as well as for a Northern California dog club association, this on top of being a dog club webmaster, news editor, event & database coordinator.



## New Mural Project

The Napa Valley Dog Club has given the go ahead to paint a mural I designed on their 92-foot-long wall. The mural will be 14 feet high. The image, shown above, is 20 feet of the right side of the mural. Two other dog club members, who are also artists, will be working on the mural with me!



## Eleven Years Old!

Dakota turned 11 on February 22nd. She may be slowing down but she still enjoys playing with Brooklyn, taking off with Robert's slippers, playing ball, hauling sticks and is now taking a freestyle (dog dancing) drill team class.