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### **Submitted by** Thomas Black

George Chaffey, a longtime resident of Lafayette and a longtime Rotarian, is currently serving as World President of the International Fel-

ing charter members of Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary, and is a past governor of Rotary DisChaffey's two-year term

as World President was highlighted last year by an adventurous 12,000-mile solo journey that hopscotched him about the lower 48 states in his prized 1948 Luscombe plane. He purchased the single-prop, single-wing model 50 years ago, shortly after earning his private pilot

down was in Quillayute, Wash.; northernmost in Piney Pinecreek, Minn., along the Canada border; southernmost in Key West, Fla., and easternmost in Eastport, Maine.

Because there is no supplemental oxygen on board, Chaffey rarely flies higher than 12,000 feet, and is prohibited by FAA regulation

tween 8,000 and 10,000 feet, fuel-friendly altitude. As for speed, it is generally in the

leader of the 1,200-member organization is as a goodwill ambassador, "buzzing about like a honeybee" to attend IFFR meetings in different regions of the world.

calls? "Knock on wood, no," said Chaffey. "No serious mechanical issues. The main nemesis is weather. If the forecast bodes ill, I stay on terra firma." The plane, at Buchanan airfield in Concord.

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George Chaffey with his vintage aircraft.

clubs in northern California.

lowship of Flying Rotarians. He is one of two remain-

trict 5160, which embraces 72

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from exceeding 14,000 feet. He generally flies beas this, he learned, is the most

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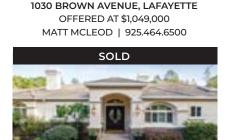
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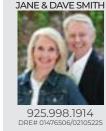
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