

## A MEMORIAL STATEMENT

- Alvin Goodman-  
(1924 - 2002)

Several years ago Tom Brokaw wrote a book entitled The Greatest Generation which was based on a group of people who were of military age during WWII - and who, now 50-60 years later, were nearing end-of-life. In essence, they - typical normal Americans - rose to the occasion of saving America (and the World) in non-typical ways.

At SLSC we have our own "Greatest Generation" whom I will describe as those members who carried the transition from the old (Kaydeross) club to the new (Melander) facility. Only those who lived through those times can fully appreciate the trials and trauma involved.

An elder statesman and strong force behind the scenes was Alvin Goodman who applied intelligent application of common sense to the interplay of discussions during the negotiations and decision to make the move. Although he preferred to work in the background, these talents caused him to be elected Rear Commodore in 1970: a post he served with distinction!

Of course Al had his own support group: wife Muriel, son Freddy, daughters Gail and Carol. They were an SLSC family in the best sense of the word!

Al contributed an additional chapter to the club when he and other dedicated sailors banded together and brought the first Kestrel boats to the US. They had a bulk shipment of boats from England by freighter. Happily, the Kestrel fleet is very active today.

A quiet man, Al finding one of our members forced to make a job change due to a child's illness, arranged a quasi-partnership so the member could start his own business.

Lastly, one of Al's most valuable contributions was the design and fabrication of the blue and gold SLSC sign that graces our driveway entrance. Al, you will not be forgotten!

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