

# Golden K hears program on Alpha Omega Residential Recovery House

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**KINGSFORD** — With Alice Derwinski at the piano and Lois Outcalt directing members to the "beat," tunes like "I've Got Rhythm" and other "oldies" filled the meeting hall at Presbyterian Church in Kingsford.

Orice Walters, substitute chairperson, led members with the traditional meeting opening of the pledge to the flag and singing of "God Bless America."

Guest Michael Malnar and the birthdays of Gilbert Engel and Orice Walters were acknowledged with the usual songs.

Pot of Gold was won by Ken Schultz. Doug Machus read the Happy Dollars from members, some of which were "Happy for Kirk Olson and the World Champion Cavaliers," and "Happy for the annual get together of traveling friends."

Vance Unazi stated the member and guest picnic will be at the Cowboy Lake Park pavilion at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 11. Cost will be \$5 per person payable to Don Pedro. Paul Ward will arrange for music.

Don Pedro, program chairperson, introduced Michael Malnar, manager of the Alpha Omega Residential Recovery House in Iron Mountain. Malnar gave an interesting and enlightening talk about the history and reasons for establishing a place where people with addiction problems can begin on a path of recovery with encouragement and support from understanding people.

As a result of their additions, arrests, convictions, subsequent court costs, many people are caught in a "revolving door" of jail time, court costs, inability to pay and are unable to break from the cycle.

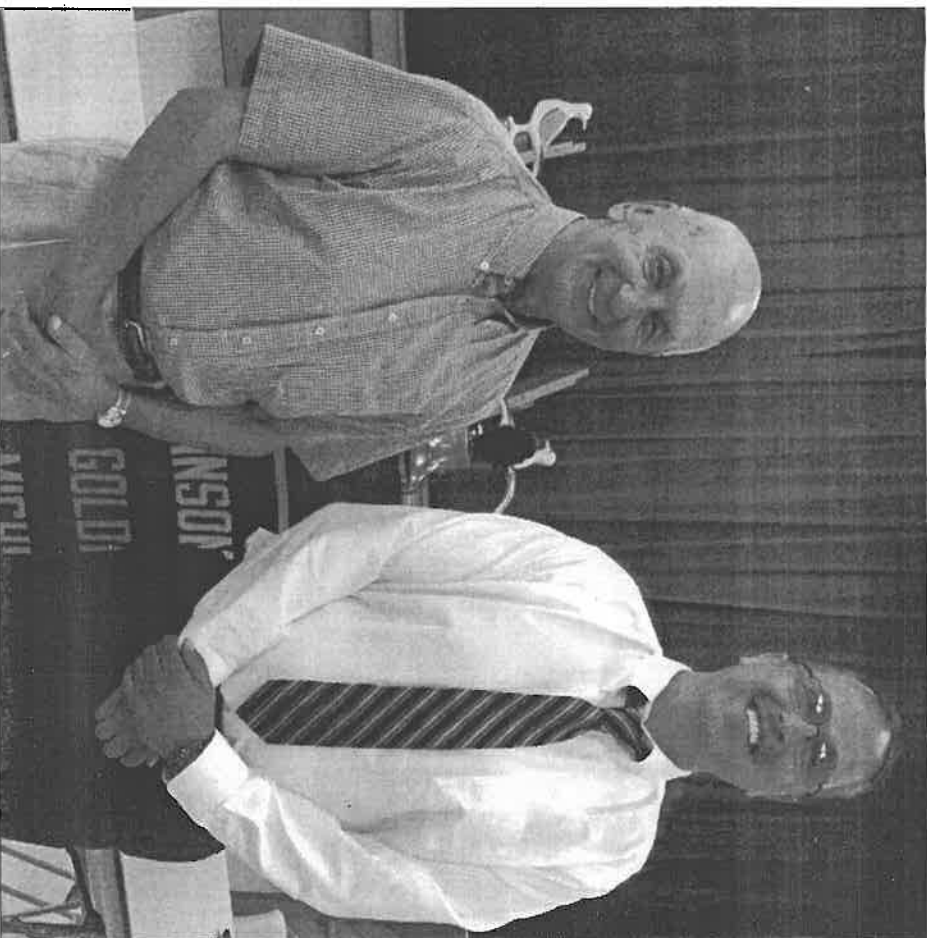
Alpha Omega Recovery House was established for

this reason. This endeavor took the time and financial assistance of several dedicated people.

The house is faith based, gives an opportunity for people to make a change, have hope, and the possibility of finding employment.

Alpha Omega House is located at 112 West Brown St., Iron Mountain. It is the only one of its kind in the Upper Peninsula, does not receive funding from the state or federal governments, relying on local charitable contributions for maintaining and continuing this worthwhile endeavor. Those who would like further information can contact Malnar at 906-828-1600.

The program for June 27 meeting will feature a representative from Jake Menghini Museum in Norway. Member/guest picnic is set for Monday, July 11 at 10 a.m. at Cowboy Lake pavilion.



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