

## Distinguished Alumni award 2012

### **Rose Levendoski**

1970 Business Machines/Accounting

### **Lester "Mike" Levendoski**

1976 Electrical Power Engineering Technician

Rose Levendoski is a 1970 Business Machines/Accounting graduate. She began her career at Gundersen Lutheran Health System, working in various human resource positions between 1970 and 1998; the last 15 years she was the director of compensation and benefits. From there, she worked for Kwik Trip as the benefits manager. Since 2005, she has been at Logistics Health, Inc. She is considered an area expert on compensation and benefits.



Mike Levendoski served in the U.S. Navy from 1968-1972. After earning his degree from Western in 1976, he spent his career at Dairyland Power in various positions, including general plant worker, control room operator, shift leader, and finally as a performance technician.

Despite busy work and family schedules, both are actively involved in their community. Rose served on the Gundersen Lutheran Credit Union Board of Directors, serving as secretary for three of her seven years. She was also a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church Finance Committee and currently serves as the council chair. She is also a member of the Great Rivers United Way Human Resource Committee. She has been a member of, and was the Charter president for, the Stoddard Lioness Club. She served on the Wisconsin Lioness District 27-D2 advisory committee and was the affiliate president in 2005-06.

Mike is a 30-year member of the Stoddard Lions Club, having served on the board of directors and as president. He, too, served the Wisconsin Lions District 27-D2, as zone chair, region chair, and district governor. He was also instrumental in securing playground equipment for Stoddard Park and developed the Leo program at De Soto High School. Many may recognize him as a volunteer coach for youth sports, including football, girls and boys basketball, and baseball. He has also been a member of the Stoddard American Legion for more than 40 years.

Both still maintain a connection to Western. Rose served on the Business Division Reunion committee, participated in three Get That Job round table discussions, and facilitated the Alumni Appreciation event at LHI. Together, they are building an endowed scholarship to help students at Western.