

# courage award

**FERN HARRISON** has displayed great courage in overcoming and living with serious illness. In 1988, she was diagnosed and treated for breast cancer. Two years later she battled lung cancer. Happily both are in remission. Harrison, therefore, is a double cancer survivor. In January 2009, Fern had a surgical implant of a heart pacemaker to correct an arrhythmia. None of this has slowed Harrison down or dampened her interest and enthusiasm. Harrison is currently competing in air gun, shuffleboard, track and bowling.



**Fern Harrison  
Las Cruces**

Fern keeps busy volunteering many hours in the service of Senior Olympics, as Doña Ana County Senior Olympics office staff worker, and by organizing county and state bowling events. Harrison has also helped with dance and talent competitions. Alongside her husband, Ken (also an active Senior Olympian), Fern has help raise money for Senior Olympics by working Aggie football games.

“Fern Harrison’s courage, strength, and dedication have made her stand out. New Mexico Senior Olympics is proud to have such a strong lady as their Courage Award recipient.” stated New Mexico Senior Olympics’ Executive Director, Cecilia Acosta.