

Walk Across America

Collegeville, PA resident Dave Brown was recently in Ohio on a journey which he calls a "Walk Across America to Benefit the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund." He walks in memory of his wife, Joan Chermack Brown, who died from ovarian cancer in 2011. An avid walker, Brown always wanted to walk the National Road after his wife gave him a copy of the book titled US 40 Today: Thirty Years of Landscape Change in America. He started walking on February 28, 2013 from Atlantic City, NJ and

will walk to San Francisco, CA on the National Road (US Route 40) and US Route 50 to raise awareness for ovarian cancer and raise funds for ovarian cancer research. He averages 14 miles a day and plans to reach his destination on Columbus Day, October 14, 2013. Dave is pictured here with Cyn-die Gerken (Past-President of the Ohio National Road Association, Vice Chair of the Olive Branch School Preservation Society, and cancer survivor), who walked with Dave on a rainy Thursday April 11,



2013 - Day 43 of his walk - through part of Clark County into Miami County. They stopped for this picture in front of the historic Olive Branch High School at 9710 W. National Road near New Carlisle. Also walking with Dave on that Wednesday and Thursday

was London, OH resident, Jim Gilkey, who snapped this photo. For more information about Olive Branch School, visit their web site a www.olivebranchschool.org. Follow Dave's trek across the country by visiting his blog www.ocjoan.blogspot.com.