



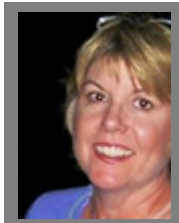
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A Happy Hour spent with Brentwood's royalty

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Sit down at Sonic with the mayor and there's no telling what you'll learn while you sip your Route 44 diet cherry limeade over Happy Hour.

For instance, how about this scoop: **THE KING IS COMING TO BRENTWOOD.** Yes, really.

His Royal Majesty King Emmanuel Adebayo of the Emure Kingdom -- a prominent community of the Yoruba tribe that is located in the southwestern Nigerian state of Ekiti -- will begin his day Thursday, Oct. 8, with a kickoff

breakfast at the Brentwood Library. He ends it with an Adassa-Adumori Foundation Volunteer Appreciate Dinner hosted by the Bethel World Outreach Center.

The following day, the King and his queen, Mary Adebayo, will lunch with the Brentwood Rotary Club before he has a private audience with Police Chief Ricky Watson.

Apparently the king asked for some face time with our head crime fighter because he, too, is an authority on security. Adebayo spent his career in Nigeria's police force and rose through the ranks to become that nation's Chief of Police.

When word of this gets to Brentwood, England, I have no doubt a visit by Charles and Cammie will be in the works soon.

So, what other scoops did Betsy Crossley have to share?

Well, she's on the steering committee for the Greater Nashville Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure which Brentwood is hosting for the first time Saturday, Oct. 10. The mayor is forming a team to honor "dear friends" Zoe Wells ([see yesterday's BrentWord](#)) and Linda Schultz who both lost their battles against breast cancer.

Some 14,000 people have already signed up to participate, she said.

At Brentwood Home Page, we're launching our own Race for the Cure page today and will add stories and details about the event as we get them. We're also looking for compelling stories to share. If you have one, email us at news@brentwoodhomepage.com. Be sure to include your name and a daytime telephone number.

And what else?

I asked her if she could speed up the City Commission meetings a bit, since my time is getting more and more precious with this new gig.

She laughed at me.

I asked her about Town Center.

She said she's open to talking to anyone about it and hopes that the new Pinnacle Bank building gets people thinking about other possibilities there.

And then there was the matter of Georgia football.

"It was a sad state of affairs," she said. "Our quarterback had the flu. That's my excuse and I'm sticking to it."

Happy Hour over.

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