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## **Jim Nathan to Speak on Health Care Crisis**

**One in three Lee County residents (non-elderly)  
is not covered by health insurance**

Jim Nathan, president, Lee Memorial Health System (LMHS), will visit Sanibel on Thursday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. to present his views on the health care crisis facing Southwest Florida and beyond. This community-wide event, sponsored by the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, will be held at the Sanibel Community Association, 2173 Periwinkle Way.

Jim Nathan is a nationally renowned health care expert and visionary, as well as a local leader, who is well known by many on Sanibel. Through his visionary leadership, LMHS was recently chosen to host the human trials of the revolutionary breakthrough in cancer treatment invented by Sanibel resident, John Kanzius. He has also worked closely with the Sanibel-Captiva Cares organization that raises funds for the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, and was recently on island to thank the community for its generosity.

While many residents may know Jim Nathan, how many of them have heard him speak on the "perfect storm" health care crisis facing Southwest Florida? He has a powerful and informative presentation to share with the Sanibel community about the status of health care in Southwest Florida, why this "perfect storm" is hitting us, and what it means for our community. You won't want to miss this timely and provocative presentation by an outstanding community leader.

**Nearly one in five Americans (more than 40 million people)  
can't afford needed health care.**

The event is free and open to the public. (*\$5 suggested donation to cover the cost of the facility.*)  
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*The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is a service organization of professional women working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy and funds to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County and around the world through Zonta International.*

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