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**PHYSICIAN AND AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST ELISABETH ROSENTHAL TO DISCUSS WHAT AILS AMERICA'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AT BANKHEAD THEATER**

Livermore, Calif. – Physician and author of the bestselling “An American Sickness” Dr. Elisabeth Rosenthal will discuss her investigation into America’s healthcare system and offer ways the delivery and funding of healthcare could be reformed in a Rae Dorough Speaker Series presentation at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 at the Bankhead Theater, Livermore.

Dr. Rosenthal holds an MD from Harvard Medical School, worked as an emergency room physician for 22 years and was an award-winning reporter for the New York Times. She will present an incisive analysis of the financial strategies of insurance, hospitals, doctors, drugs and devices. Dr. Rosenthal critiques such topical themes as the strengths and weaknesses of the Affordable Care Act, the attempts to repeal it, and California’s single payer initiative.

In addition, she offers analyses of the ways in which America could effect reforms in the delivery and financing of health care and how such changes would affect every American. For example, Dr. Rosenthal suggests government could mandate adoption of and offer financial incentives to develop more patient-friendly features. “That would be ‘meaningful use’ of digital technology. Thanks to digital technology you can price, book, and pay for a hotel in Tbilisi, Georgia, on your computer. Why can’t you do the same for an X-ray down the block or a doctor’s appointment?”

The full title of Dr. Rosenthal’s book is, *An American Sickness: How Healthcare Became Big Business and How You Can Take It Back*. Given the fervor of the debate in Congress over the future of healthcare, the presentation couldn’t be more topical. For additional information, see the Rae Dorough Speaker Series Website:

<http://raedoroughspeakerseries.org/>

Tickets are available for the remaining speakers in the series as well as for individual presentations. Individual presentation tickets are \$16 for students and range from \$32 to \$40 for adults. Tickets are now available online <http://raedoroughspeakerseries.org/tickets/> or may be purchased at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore, Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m., or by calling (925)-373-6800.

The speaker series honors the late Rae Dorough, a respected Livermore resident and strong supporter of cultural events. Members of her family were the initiating sponsors in 2008. The series is sponsored in part by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, The Hertz Foundation, Sandia National Laboratory, Tri-Valley Conservancy and ImageSetters.

Sponsors of Dr. Rosenthal’s presentation include Kaiser Permanente and Stanford Health Care/Valley Care. The speaker programs begin at 7:30pm, followed by a lively audience Question and Answer (Q&A) from the stage, and culminate in a reception for the speaker that is held in the lobby of the Bankhead.

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