

**ERIE LACKAWANNA DINING CAR PRESERVATION SOCIETY,
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**BARBARA COLANGELO, CTIS APPOINTED AS ELDPCS EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

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For Immediate Release

Tim Stuy, President of Erie Lackawanna Dining Car Preservation Society announces the appointment of Barbara Colangelo, CTIS as Executive Director effective July 15, 2008.

Barb has twenty three years experience working in the tourism industry under three administrations of Lackawanna County. Having earned the Certified Travel Industry Specialist certification from American Bus Association, she set the highest standard for regional tourism development. In her most recent position as Director of Historic Facilities, she was responsible for the development of the Lackawanna County Trolley Museum, Lackawanna Coal Mine and the Lackawanna County Visitor's Center. Barb has worked with many of Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance's (NEPA) businesses, arts and cultural organizations, educational institutions, and hoteliers to establish partnership programs in the region.

Barb developed many educational programs for the county tourism sites. She has worked as a volunteer on several boards of directors including Lackawanna Heritage Authority. She is also a member of Scranton Reads... One Book, One City, The American Bus Association Marketplace Orientation and Education Committees, Pennsylvania Bus Association Marketplace Education Committee, The NEIU Arts Education Advisory Board, and the Pennsylvania Northeast Territory Visitor Bureau. There are just a few of her regional and national involvements to support cultural and tourism endeavors.

Barb resides in Dunmore with her husband, Jim, and is an active member of St. Anthony's Parish, Dunmore. Barbara is the mother of three sons—Friar Dominic, OP, San Antonio, Texas; Michael, Dunmore; and David, Baltimore, Md.

In her new role as Executive Director, Barb will help ELDCPS with its goal to recreate the experience of dinner in the diner as it was on the Lackawanna and Erie Lackawanna railroads in the late 1950s and 1960s. She will also be responsible for the Society's newest endeavor, The Pullman Project, which will introduce school age children to an original sleeping car that ran through the region and tell the story of the lives and working conditions of the African-American Pullman Porters.

The Erie Lackawanna Dining Car Preservation Society is an educational, 501c3 non-profit organization, incorporated in the State of New Jersey in 2001. ELDCPS' mission is to preserve the passenger and dining car experience on the Erie Lackawanna and its predecessors through the purchase and restoration of Erie Lackawanna passenger and dining equipment.