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**LEAR NAMED DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

**Johnstown, Pennsylvania-** Crown American Hotels is pleased to announce that Mr. Tom Lear has been promoted to the position of Director of Operations at the Holiday Inn - Downtown, located at 250 Market Street, Johnstown.

Mr. Lear assumes his new position effective June 1, 2008. In his new position, Mr. Lear is responsible for the efficient and overall operation of the 159-room, full service hotel. He reports to Mr. Mike Barletta, President & CEO of Crown American Hotels.

Mr. Lear has gained extensive experience in hotel management, having been in the hospitality industry for more than 20 years. Mr. Lear began his hospitality career in 1987 with Crown American Hotels and has held various positions within the company including General Manager and Internal Auditor/Credit Manager positions; most recently, he was the Assistant Director of Operations. During his career, he has also held General Manager positions with the Hilton Garden Inn in Harrisburg and the Hampton Inn in Johnstown.

A native of Johnstown, Mr. Lear is a graduate of Mount Aloysius College. He is also a Certified Hotel Administrator (CHA) as designated by the American Hotel & Motel Association.

As a leader in the hospitality industry for over forty years, Crown American Hotels is proud to continue the dedication and commitment to Johnstown established by the Pasquerilla family. Headquartered in Pasquerilla Plaza, Crown American Hotels manages the Holiday Inn- Downtown Johnstown and the Holiday Inn Express on Scalp Avenue in Johnstown; both of which are franchised through agreements with Inter-Continental Hotels. Crown American Hotels also manages the Frank J. Pasquerilla Conference Center -Downtown Johnstown.

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