

## **Driving to the Erie PAEA Conference 2006:**

Most of our attendees will be arriving in Erie on I-79, having come from southern, central, or southeastern PA. If you are following the Avalon Hotel directions or Mapquest, each will direct you to exit I-79 at 12<sup>th</sup> St. and head east. While these directions are accurate and the most direct, they aren't the most scenic. Most northeastern US cities have their industrial corridors and 12<sup>th</sup> St. happens to be ours, and therefore is not the most aesthetically pleasing. Your PAEA 2006 conference committee wants your total conference experience to be focused on "Art for Life" and we want that to begin as soon as you enter our city. We are offering alternative directions for reaching the Avalon hotel:

Proceed north on I-79. Instead of exiting on 12<sup>th</sup> St., continue on, following signs for the Bayfront Parkway. This will take you just slightly farther north and will provide vistas of our beautiful Presque Isle Bay. Following the Parkway along the Bayfront, you will reach State St., where you will turn right. At this intersection, you will see Hamot Hospital on the southeast corner and the Bicentennial Tower to your left down at the waterfront. Proceed south on State St. to 10<sup>th</sup>, where you will turn right and find the front of the Avalon Hotel. Overnight parking can be found by proceeding to the next block, Peach St., turn right, go to 9<sup>th</sup> St. and turn right again. The Hotel underground parking facility will be on your right. Overflow parking can be found to the east at the parking garage at 10<sup>th</sup> and French.

We hope that you enjoy this first visual introduction to Erie and anticipate all the other wonderful things to come during your stay.