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A Note from Dr. Tim

Greetings. In this edition of *Touchpoint*, **Rick Ghinelli**, newly appointed Conn-Selmer Educational Support Manager and retired Supervisor for Visual and Performing Arts for Spring ISD in Houston, TX shares with us about his new position and his thoughts on new beginnings.



Welcome to our newest

V.I.P.s

Dean Muths

Clear Creek ISD, TX

Martin Becker

Grace College, IN

Bud McCormick

Jackson Memorial High School, NJ

Our Next Issue Featuring: An article by Wayne Downey,

Music Director, Brass Supervisor and Composer/Arranger for the Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps

In Our Last Issue: Confessions of a **Band Parent** by Dean Westman click here for full article

Part Team of the Team

Rick Ghinelli

The subject of "new beginnings" can be overused in articles and newsletters at this time of year. However, there is no doubt that directors get a sense of starting over when the fall rolls around. Whether it's the new students that will be in your group for the first time, the new marching show, the new music for the first concert, or even the new staff and/or administration you might be working with this year, it's a chance to begin again with a new sense of drive and purpose.

For me, I've just completed 31 years in education as a band director, an assistant have this opportunity to start anew! principal, a principal and a fine arts director. Although each position was challenging and rewarding, the move to the next position offered me an opportunity to be exposed to additional experiences that further shaped my career. Little did I know that my experiences would put me in line for a job with a company as notable and respected as Conn-Selmer.

In all of these situations I never expected that I would be making the move as quickly as I did, and this one is no exception. Although unanticipated, I am thrilled to be starting a new career as the

Educational Support Manager for Conn-Selmer and working in the Division of Education with people like John Stoner, Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser and Michael Kamphuis. It has quickly become obvious that Conn-Selmer is very committed to promoting music and music education, and I am honored to be a part of the team.

So, after 31 years in public education, September 3, 2013 was a "New Beginning" for me. Whether it is seen as cliché or not, I'm extremely grateful to

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