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TODAY:

Miss Ettie Lee, namesake and founder of the organization that bears her name was profiled in a September 1963 article in Parade Magazine. The article, entitled "The Rich Schoolteacher" by Dell Roensch, chronicled one woman's dream of helping troubled boys and girls, what we would call at-risk youth today, get ahead in life. She recounted her aspirations to a friend who tried to dissuade her by saying, "There are too many. You'd have to be a millionaire." To which Ettie Lee replied, "All right then, I'll be a millionaire."

Through considerable effort, and by purchasing, refurbishing and selling apartment buildings, Ettie Lee was able to make millions of dollars so that thousands of children could be given a real chance at a better life these past 60 years. The group homes at Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services still operate in a similar fashion as Miss Ettie Lee explained in 1963: "Each group works as a family. There is no regimen of punishment, although reasonably strict standards of discipline are maintained as in a well ordered home. If any newcomer gets out of line, he or she loses certain privileges and rewards. Most of all, we offer hope and encouragement. We work with the strangers as if they were truly our daughters and sons."

As the Ettie Lee organization celebrates their 60th anniversary we will hear about their current efforts on behalf of abused, abandoned and neglected youth from **CEO and President Clayton Downey.**

Next Week:

You better watch out

You better not pout,

You better not come to South Hills 'cause we'll all be at **Hamilton's** for the Annual Covina Rotary Christmas Party.

CALENDAR

December 16: (THURSDAY): Christmas luncheon at **Hamilton's** 11:30 social, 12:00 - 1:30 lunch, entertainment. Please RSVP **President Sue** no later than Friday, **December 10, with** how many adults, how many children, their ages and names.

RSVP via email or phone: 626-966-0075

The Last Minute Push for Covina Cares is On.

Time is short and there is plenty to do. Please contact Linda Logan to find out how you can help. We will need help to do the following:

Pick up the collected toys and food

Sort Food and toys.

Mapquesters

Drivers

Post Card corresponders

SAVE \$40 ON RI CONVENTION REGISTRATION

The RI convention will be held in New Orleans on May 21-25, 2011. The first discount period ends on December 15th. The registration increases from \$300 to \$340 after

that day. Register today if you intend on going.

A Christmas Story: No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

Dear God,

I am an 83 year old widow, living on a very small pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had \$100 in it, which was all the money I had until my next pension payment. Next Sunday is Christmas, and I had invited two of my friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with, have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope. Can you please help me?

Sincerely, Edna

The postal worker was touched. He showed the letter to all the other workers. Each one dug into his or her wallet and came up with a few dollars. By the time he made the rounds, he had collected \$96, which they put into an envelope and sent to the woman.

The rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of Edna and the dinner she would be able to share with her friends.

Christmas came and went and a few days later, another letter came from the same old lady to God.

All the workers gathered around while the letter was opened. It read:

Dear God,

How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your gift of love, I was able to fix a glorious dinner for my friends. We had a very nice day and I told my friends of your wonderful gift.

By the way, there was \$4 missing.

I think it might have been those bastards at the post office. -- Sincerely, Edna.