

NOTE FROM THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT



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As 2022 draws to a close, I'd like to wish you all a happy holiday season...2022 sure did fly by! It has been a pleasure serving as GNOPCA president this year. To work in tandem with my fellow board members to tackle our industry's problems and advance a better understanding of what we do to the public has been rewarding.

For the GNOPCA, as in life, there were highs and lows in 2022. We aimed high and succeeded in pulling off a magnificent inaugural Urban Pest Management Symposium in August. This world-class program was the talk of our industry for months to follow. The bar has been set high...with Claudia Riegel and her team leading the way, I'm sure the next one will be even more spectacular!

On the flip side, we lost an industry giant in October with the passing of Ed Bordes. I don't have the space here to fully detail Ed's massive contributions to the industry—at the local, state and federal levels—for many decades. (There is more coverage of his life and career on the pages that follow.) On a personal level, I lost a dear friend and industry mentor. May he continue to rest in peace.

You can count on 2023 to be a continuation of the GNOPCA's efforts to keep members apprised of the many events and issues that shape our industry. Please stay involved and help us grow the Association to be bigger and better than ever.

Happy Holidays!

It is the mission of the Greater New Orleans Pest Control Association (GNOPCA) to adhere to the highest professional and ethical standards of the pest control industry. This will be reflected in all aspects of the work performed by our member companies.



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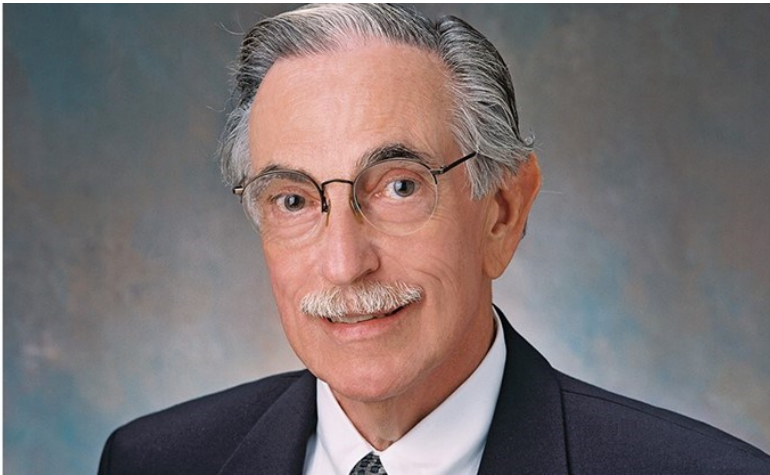
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IN MEMORIAM: EDGAR S. BORDES, JR.
APRIL 9, 1939– OCTOBER 9, 2022



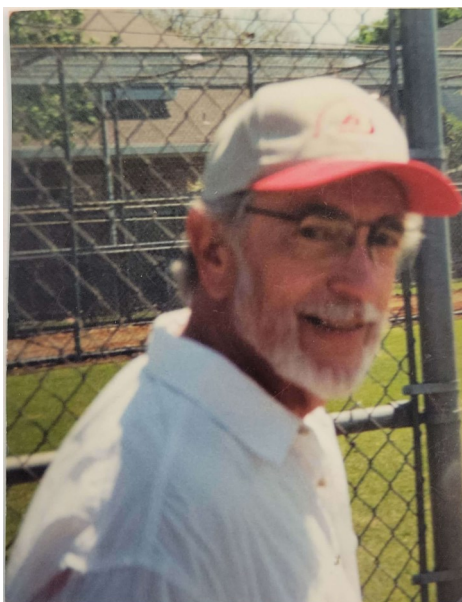
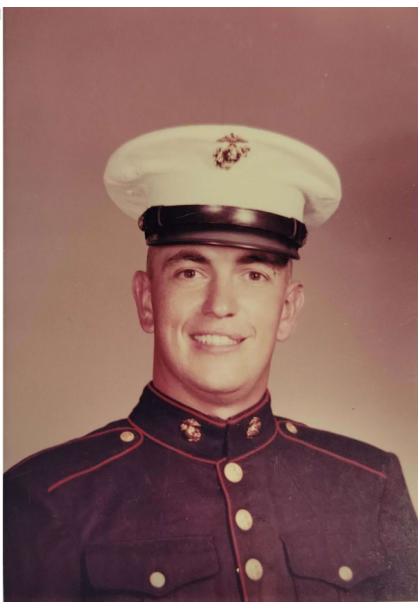
A New Orleans native, Mr. Bordes graduated from De LaSalle High School. He earned a bachelor's in entomology and zoology from Louisiana State University and a master's in public health from Tulane University. He was also a veteran of the US Marine Corps.

Mr. Bordes started his career in pest control in 1959 as an entomologist for a pest control company. A year later he started his own company serving the metro-New Orleans area. In 1967, he was hired by Mr. George Carmichael, 1st Director of the City of New Orleans Mosquito Control (the program was established in 1964). In 1970, he was promoted to Assistant Administrator and in 1986 Bordes became the chief administrator for the New Orleans Mosquito Control Board. During his tenure he was the city's termite "czar" as a principal cooperater in the USDA's Operation Full Stop, the historic area's aggressive termite management program.

Mr. Bordes implemented many changes throughout the years that improved the offerings and services the Board provided. He continued to build on the progress made by the board's first director, George Carmichael, building an internationally recognized program.

Mr. Bordes always looked ahead to see what the needs were to ensure survival of the program as well as expanding the services locally to the residents of New Orleans and beyond. He was a true visionary.

Mr. Bordes was an entrepreneur who looked for opportunities for funding and expanding the program. This led to a culture of partnerships and collaboration. Obtaining federal, state and private grants allowed for researchers to conduct groundbreaking research at the City of New Orleans. International visitors, both government officials and researchers, were common. In 1998, rodent control was transferred from the New Orleans Health Department to Mosquito Control. By this time, the termite program had also been created. The organization was then renamed to the New Orleans Mosquito, Termite and Rodent Control Board.



IN MEMORIAM: EDGAR S. BORDES (CONT.)

Mr. Bordes developed the intellectual property ordinance at the city of New Orleans. The development of the tamper-resistant termite bait covers provided a way to install termite baits through concrete. If you walk in the French Quarter today, thousands of port covers line the streets allowing for a means to install termite baits in areas without exposed soil. The port covers are sold worldwide.

During 60 years of service, he was involved in many epidemics and disasters; hurricanes Betsy, Camille, and Katrina were the most notable. He also conducted mosquito control for epidemics of St. Louis encephalitis, Eastern equine encephalitis and West Nile virus. In the early 1970s he was involved stemming an outbreak of murine typhus along the Mississippi riverfront. He regularly shared his experiences with NOMTRCB staff so that he could transfer his knowledge to the next generation

Mr. Bordes established Operation Full Stop in collaboration with the USDA-ARS in New Orleans from 1998 to 2012. This project brought millions of dollars to New Orleans to protect the French Quarter from *Coptotermes formosanus*, the Formosan subterranean termite. The project allowed for the development of new tools for termite detection, improved awareness and most importantly installation of treatments that still protect the historic buildings of the French Quarter today.

Upon retiring as director in 2008, he remained employed part-time, contributing to many projects that allowed the department to grow and improve. He assisted with construction of the new NOMTRCB administration building and renovation of the NOMTRCB hanger. He obtained hazard mitigation grants and most recently, he was instrumental in the selection of the new helicopter that was just delivered to NOMTRCB for mosquito abatement.

Mr. Bordes loved baseball and softball. He never turned down a conversation with anyone. He established a legacy that will live on for future generations. He touched so many lives and we are so fortunate to have learned from his wisdom. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Bordes is survived by wife Margaret Merlene Bordes and the couple's two children.

PEST MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT



RODNEY PAYNE

DA EXTERMINATING

DA Exterminating pest control technician Rodney Payne has done it all in his nearly 25-year career. From commodity and structural fumigation work in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Florida to termite and pest control jobs on the Northshore and Southshore, Rodney has tackled every pest problem one can imagine.

A native New Orleanian, Rodney was seven years into his pest control career when, like too many folks, Hurricane Katrina forced him to evacuate and make a new home in Florida. But he made his way back to New Orleans a few years later and worked for a couple different companies before joining DA in 2016 as a residential pest control technician. Having held so many different jobs in the industry, which does Rodney prefer the most?

“Residential pest control, for sure,” he said. “My favorite part of this job is watching a customer smile after I’ve completed the job and solved their pest problem. It’s a great feeling.”

Rodney, a happily married father of five adult children, has numerous customers who have been with him since 2016...and they have no intention of ever getting a different technician! As one DA customer in Lakeview put it: “Rodney is such a nice man. He’s reliable, thorough, helpful and dependable. I’m sure you have a good group of technicians, but don’t ever send me anyone but Rodney!”

IN MEMORIAM: DANIEL “DAN” FOSTER

APRIL 13, 1947– DECEMBER 22, 2022



Daniel “Dan” Lee Foster passed away on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. Dan was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Houma.

Dan proudly stepped into on the role of patriarch of his family. He cherished the last 33 years working side-by-side with his brother at Terminix where his team became his extended family. He was passionate about LSU, cooking, and his dog Bella. He loved fishing and hunting with his family, friends, and relatives and was proud to pass on this tradition to his grandson Blake. As part of the U.S. Army, Dan served his country in Vietnam and continued his service in his community holding leadership positions such as president of Houma-Terrebonne Rotary Club, president of Louisiana Pest Control Association, serving on the Louisiana Pest Control Commission, and on the boards of START Corporation and the Terrebonne General Foundation. Those that were lucky to know him will forever miss

his playful sense of humor and incredible warmth. He greeted everyone with a handshake and smile that quickly turned into a hug or a kiss. His infectious laugh and heartfelt cooking will be missed at family gatherings, football games, and community events. May all of these admirable qualities continue to live in all that knew and loved him.

Dan was well respected by his peers and his community. He and his brother Billy Foster were longtime owners of the Terminix franchise in Houma, one of the few in the United States. Many of us knew Dan through his service to the pest profession and the state association that represents it. He was recognized by his fellow pest professionals by being elected to serve as one of their representatives on the Structural Pest Control Commission over several four-year terms. While sitting on the Commission, he helped craft contract language and enact policies that continue to embody his legacy.

Many of us will remember Dan as a boisterous LSU fan and a man who did not shy from expressions of affection for his friends and colleagues. His love for his profession was shared and returned by his fellow PMPs. Dan Foster will be dearly missed by his colleagues, his family, and by his many friends.

Dan is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Annette Ledet Foster; children, Dehron Foster (Henry Avery), Deitra Foster (companion David Geoffroy), Dawn Mayet, Ginger Leblanc (Ronnie), and Christina Prevost; grandchildren, Ryan Mayet, Morgan Pierce Domangue, Blake Prevost, and Reese Leblanc; brother, William “Billy” Foster (Annette); sister, Dianne Foster Blanchard (Al). He is also survived by his Terminix family that he loved dearly.



Obituary courtesy of Chauvin Funeral Home and the Louisiana Pest Management Association



CHRISTMAS BEETLES

In the US, the start of summer is noted by an abundance of large scarab beetles we refer to as May or June beetles. These beetles, many in the genus *Phyllophaga*, are considered pests of turf because their large, c-shaped grubs live in the soil and feed on plant roots. The adults are attracted to lights and can occur in large numbers, making them a nuisance.

Because Australia is in the southern hemisphere, the seasons are reversed. When we have summer, they have winter. What we call “June beetles” begin emerging in their spring: November and December, and are associated with Christmastime. This inspires their common name, Christmas beetles.

In Australia, Christmas beetles most commonly refer to the genus *Anoplognathus*. These large scarab beetles are brownish-green and have a yellow iridescence. The adults feed on leaves, particularly of eucalyptus plants, and in large numbers are able to defoliate trees. Generally, these beetles are not considered to be a pest because they are not abundant enough and have a very short adult lifespan of only a few weeks.

NAME THAT BUG

For this specimen, please provide the common name of this species or family.

Submit your guess by using the QR code or link provided below by 1/31/23 to be entered into a raffle. The winner will be announced at the next membership meeting and newsletter.



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PEST MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT



TRACEY BAILEY

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Mr. Tracey Bailey has been with Orkin Pest Control for over 27 Years. He has been in Pest Control the entire span of his career. He is always been a dedicated, loyal employee. He goes above and beyond for his customers. Tracey is one of the best at customer service. He treats his customers like family. During weather events like hurricanes and tropical storms, he remains in constant contact with customers, offering them solid advice if needed.

When Tracey was out with a health scare, a lot of his customers called with well wishes and to check on his well-being. Anytime he takes off, his customers postpone services until he's back.

Tracey is vital in the development and training of new technicians. He offers guidance through his past years of experience and is always available when needed. When Tracey comes to the Branch, he brings his infectious, positive attitude and is always a pleasure to be around.

Overall, Tracey Bailey is a model Orkin employee. The customers he services are not only Orkin's customers, they are Tracey's customers.

To nominate someone for a PMP
Spotlight, use the QR code



PEST FEATURE Indian Meal Moth



The Indian meal moth, *Plodia interpunctella*, is a common household pest found in kitchens feeding on stored food products. This moth is about a half-inch long and is most often detected when seen flying around inside a building. Upon inspection in the kitchen, the larvae can be found in grain products, seeds, dried fruit, and dog food. The pupae are often encased in a silken cocoon and remnant silk occurs in infested products. From egg to adult, the life cycle can be as short as a month or as long as a year. Each female lays up to 400 eggs, which can produce large infestations very quickly.

There are a variety of management tactics for the Indian meal moth, but elimination and exclusion are the key elements. If a population is found, all infested materials must be discarded. Be sure to inspect thoroughly any susceptible food and store items in sealed containers (including pet food and bird seed). If possible, keep all meals and flours in the refrigerator until use. Freezing or heating products is successful in killing these moths and caterpillars, but it is usually easier to dispose of infested materials. Chemical and biological control are possible, but these are not generally utilized in residential settings. To prevent further infestations, it is important to thoroughly inspect any food products entering the home for signs of webbing or caterpillars.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 10, 2023: Legends of Pest and Vector Control, Dr. Austin Frishman (virtual)

January 19, 2023: Homeowners Series - Urban Rodent Control Part 1: Rodent Biology (virtual)

February 2, 2023: Homeowners Series - Urban Rodent Control Part 2: Integrated Rodent Management (virtual)

February 16, 2023: Homeowners Series - Urban Rodent Control Part 3: Rodent Proofing Techniques (virtual)

March 2, 2023: Homeowners Series - Urban Rodent Control Part 4: Importance of Rodent Management (virtual)

March 9, 2023: Special Topic Webinar with Dr. John C. Carlson: "Immune Reactions to Insect Bites" (virtual)

**Pest Education Series:
Urban Rodent Control**

A free, virtual series helping residents and professionals protect themselves and their property from common pests.

Part 1: Rodent Biology
Jan 19, 2 PM to 3:30 PM CST

Part 2: Integrated Rodent Management
Feb 2, 2 PM to 3:30 PM CST

Part 3: Rodent Proofing Techniques
Feb 16, 2 PM to 3:30 PM CST

Part 4: Importance of Rodent Management
Mar 2, 2 PM to 3:30 PM CST

Register at the link provided, use the QR code, email education@nola.gov or call the Mosquito, Termite & Rodent Control Board at (504)658-2400



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