

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO
 Form 4
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Yuhas George A.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO
 [CENT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 General Counsel

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2017

(Street)
 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 02/17/2017 | | M | 12,500 A | \$ 10.63 64,325 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 02/17/2017 | | F | 8,512 (1) D | \$ 33.65 55,813 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 02/17/2017 | | M | 11,750 A | \$ 13.82 67,563 | D | |

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|----------------------------|------------|---|---------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------|---|------------------------------|
| Class A Common Stock | 02/17/2017 | F | 8,451 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 33.65 | 59,112 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 02/22/2017 | S | 7,287 | D | \$ 32.4643 <u>(2)</u> | 51,825 | D | |
| Units | | | | | | 3,652.224 | I | By 401(k) Plan <u>(3)</u> |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.63 | 02/17/2017 | | M | 12,500 | <u>(4)</u> 03/31/2021 | Class A Common Stock | 12,500 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.82 | 02/17/2017 | | M | 11,750 | <u>(5)</u> 01/29/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 11,750 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Yuhas George A. C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597 | | | General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ George
Yuhas

02/22/2017

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price and withholding tax liability incurred upon the
(1) above-reported exercise of options. The amount of shares withheld is based on the respective average of the high and low sales prices on the date of exercise.

The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$33.265 to \$33.354. Mr. Yuhas undertakes that he will provide,
(2) upon request by the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, full information regarding the number of securities sold at each separate price.

(3) The units represent interests in the CENTA Stock Fund in the Issuer's 401(k) Plan, which consist of shares of CENTA stock and cash.

(4) The options shall vest in four increments of 25% on March 31, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

(5) The options shall vest in four increments of 25% on January 29, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

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