

Ranelli John
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Ranelli John

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET
COMPANY, 1340 TREAT
BOULEVARD, SUITE 600

(Street)

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/21/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Class A Common Stock	04/21/2010		A		1,903 (1)	A \$ 0 1,903	D

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

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(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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.51	04/21/2010		A		19,030 <u>(2)</u>		<u>(3)</u>	10/21/2013	Class A Common Stock	19,030

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

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Signatures

/s/ John R.
Ranelli

04/21/2010

Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Restricted stock award granted under the Company's 2003 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.

(2) Stock Options granted under the Company's 2003 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.

(3) One-third of the total options granted will become exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after April 21, 2010, the date of grant.

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