

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 * SPRINGER MARY BETH		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2015		
C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597					
(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	12/10/2015		M		22,397	A	\$ 8.93	29,440	I	By Trust (1)
Class A Common Stock	12/10/2015		F(2)		12,377	D	\$ 16.16	17,063	I	By Trust (1)
Class A Common Stock	12/10/2015		S		7,043	D	\$ 16.2463 (3)	10,020	I	By Trust (1)

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.93	12/10/2015		M		22,397 (4)	(5)	08/11/2016	Class A Common Stock	22,397	\$ 0	0	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPRINGER MARY BETH C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	X			

Signatures

/s/ JoAnn Jonte as Attorney-in-Fact for Mary Beth Springer	12/14/2015
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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) The Reporting Person transferred her shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock to the P. Rosenblum & M. Beth Springer TTEE Paul Rosenblum & Mary Beth Springer Revocable Trust Dated 10/28/2005.
- (2) Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price incurred upon the above-reported exercise of options. The amount of shares withheld is based on the average of the high and low sales prices on the date of exercise.
- (3) The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$15.88 to \$16.53. The reporting person undertakes that she will provide, 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.
- (4) Stock Options granted under the Company's 2003 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.
- (5) One-third of the total options granted became exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 11, 2013, the date of grant.

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