

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Handel Joel M</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O SEYFARTH SHAW LLP</u><br><u>620 EIGHT AVENUE</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>NEW YORK NY 10018</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.</u><br>[ TAST ]<br><br>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>06/11/2013</u><br><br>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><br>X Director 10% Owner<br><br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><br>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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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) |
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|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D)       | Price              |   |  |   |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value  | 06/11/2013                           |  | A                              |   | 4,289   | A <sup>(1)</sup> | \$0 <sup>(1)</sup> | 28,507  | D  |   |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  |                                |  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |
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Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares were granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, and are subject to restrictions on transfer. The stock award reported herein shall vest and the restrictions shall lapse as follows: one-fifth(1/5) of the Shares reported herein shall vest and the restrictions shall lapse on each of June 11, 2014, June 11, 2015, June 11, 2016, June 11, 2017 and June 11, 2018, provided that the Reporting Person has continuously remained a director of the Issuer. Any unvested shares underlying the stock award reported herein will be immediately forfeited upon the Reporting Person ceasing to be a director. The stock award reported herein is not transferable unless vested.

Remarks:

/s/ Joel Handel 06/12/2013  
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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).

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