FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Flanders Paul R						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.  [ TAST ]								5. Relationship of Reporting (Check all applicable)  Director  X Officer (give title				10% (	Owner (specify
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, IN 968 JAMES STREET				NC.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2017									VP, CFO and Treasurer					
(Street) SYRACU (City)	YRACUSE NY 13203			_ 4. If									Line)	5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
Date					Date Exe (Month/Day/Year) if an		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)		and Securit Benefic		es ially Following	Form (D) o	n: Direct or Indirect ostr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or Prio	:e	Transac (Instr. 3	ction(s)			(111501.4)
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value 12/14/2					/2017	017			S		2,500	Г	\$1	2.8	299	9,405		D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value														2,100				See Footnote <sup>(1)</sup>	
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. Deen Execution if any (Month/E		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date   Expirati (Month/	on Da		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		De Se (Ir	Price of erivative ecurity estr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title	Numbe of Shares	r					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. These shares of Common Stock are held by the Reporting Person's children.

## Remarks:

/s/ Paul Flanders 12/15/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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