

CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.  
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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**(Rule 14a-101)**

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**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

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**CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.**

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting

**For holders as of:** April 19, 2011

**Date:** June 9, 2011 **Time:** 9:00 AM EDT

**Location:** Crowne Plaza Hotel Syracuse  
701 East Genesee Street  
Syracuse, New York 13210

*CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.*

*ATTN: PAUL R. FLANDERS, VP/CFO*

*968 JAMES STREET*

*SYRACUSE, NY 13203*

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**Before You Vote**

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**Voting Items**

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. EDT at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Syracuse, 701 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13210 for the following purposes:

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR items 1, 2, 3 and 5.**

1. To elect as Class II Directors of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., the nominees below:

**Nominees:**

- 01) Joel M. Handel
- 02) Clayton E. Wilhite
2. To (i) adopt an amendment to the Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan as amended, and (ii) approve the Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan as amended, for purposes of complying with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
3. To adopt, on an advisory basis, a resolution approving the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers, as described in the Proxy Statement under Executive Compensation .

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote 3 YEARS on the following proposal 4:**

4. To select, on an advisory basis, the frequency of the advisory stockholder vote on the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers.
5. To ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. for the 2011 fiscal year.
6. In their discretion, upon such other matters that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

These items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement. Only stockholders of record on April 19, 2011 may vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. To vote by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

