Flanders Paul R Form 4 March 07, 2012

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 4 or

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Flanders Paul R Issuer Symbol **CARROLS RESTAURANT** (Check all applicable) GROUP, INC. [TAST] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O CARROLS RESTAURANT 03/05/2012 VP, CFO and Treasurer GROUP, INC., 968 JAMES STREET (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SYRACUSE, NY 13203

							Person		
(City)	(State) (2	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ties Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securition(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of	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)
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	03/05/2012		A <u>(1)</u>	15,981	A	\$ 0 (1)	113,910	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value							2,100	I	See Footnote

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	TransactionDerivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13	03/05/2012		J <u>(1)</u>	7,350	(3)	12/14/2013	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	7,350	
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.6	03/05/2012		J <u>(1)</u>	7,350	(3)	12/14/2013	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	7,350	
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.08	03/05/2012		J <u>(1)</u>	11,000	<u>(4)</u>	01/15/2015	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	11,000	
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.6	03/05/2012		<u>J(1)</u>	3,825	<u>(5)</u>	01/15/2016	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	3,825	
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.48	03/05/2012		J <u>(1)</u>	10,000	<u>(6)</u>	01/15/2017	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	10,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Flanders Paul R C/O CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. 968 JAMES STREET SYRACUSE, NY 13203 VP, CFO and Treasurer

Signatures

/s/ Paul R. 03/07/2012 Flanders

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).

In connection with the spin-off of Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. by Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. (the "Issuer") and in accordance with the Issuer's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (the "Plan"), on March 5, 2012, all (i) outstanding vested stock options held by the

- (1) Reporting Person under the Plan were converted into unrestricted shares of the Issuer's common stock using a conversion formula to preserve the intrinsic value of each option to the holder and (ii) outstanding unvested stock options held by the Reporting Person under the Plan were converted into restricted shares of the Issuer's common stock using a conversion formula to preserve the intrinsic value of each option to the holder
- (2) These shares of Common Stock are held by the Reporting Person's children.
- The Reporting Person's options were granted pursuant to the Plan and will vest and become exercisable over a period of five years, with one-fifth (1/5) of such options becoming exercisable on December 13, 2007, and an additional one-sixtieth (1/60) of such options vesting and becoming exercisable on the first day of each month after December 13, 2007.
- The Options were granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Plan and will vest and become exercisable over a period of five years, (4) with one-fifth (1/5) of such Options vesting on January 15, 2009 an additional one-sixtieth (1/60) of such options vesting and becoming exercisable on the first day of each month after January 15, 2009.
- The Options were granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Plan and will vest and become exercisable over a period of five years, (5) with one-fifth (1/5) of such Options vesting on January 15, 2010 an additional one-sixtieth (1/60) of such options vesting and becoming exercisable on the first day of each month after January 15, 2010.
- The Options were granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Plan and will vest and become exercisable over a period of five years, with one fifth (1/5) of such Options vesting on January 15, 2011 an additional one-sixtieth (1/60) of such options vesting and becoming exercisable on the first day of each month after January 15, 2011.

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