

Schwichtenberg Kay
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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 *
 Schwichtenberg Kay

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO
 [CENT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/09/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/09/2017 | | M | 12,500 | A \$ 10.63 | 12,500 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/09/2017 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | 7,784 | D \$ 33.87 | 4,716 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/09/2017 | | M | 12,500 | A \$ 13.82 | 17,216 | D |

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|----------------------------|------------|------------------|-------|---|-------------|---------|---|----------------------------------|
| Class A Common Stock | 08/09/2017 | F ⁽¹⁾ | 8,431 | D | \$ 33.87 | 8,785 | D | |
| Units | | | | | | 250.191 | I | By 401(k) Plan ⁽²⁾ |

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. Amount or Number of Shares | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.63 | 08/09/2017 | | M | 12,500 | ⁽³⁾ | 03/31/2021 | Class A Common Stock | 12,500 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.82 | 08/09/2017 | | M | 12,500 | ⁽⁴⁾ | 01/29/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 12,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Schwichtenberg Kay C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/ Kay

Schwichtenberg

08/11/2017

__Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

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).

- Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price and withholding tax liability incurred upon the
- (1) above-reported exercise of options. The amount of shares withheld is based on the respective average of the high and low sales prices on the date of exercise.
 - (2) The units represent interests in the CENTA Stock Fund in the Issuer's 401(k) Plan, which consist of shares of CENTA stock and cash.
 - (3) Options were granted on April 16, 2015, of which 25,000 have vested and been exercised and the remaining 25,000 shares will vest and be exercisable as follows: 12,500 shares on March 31, 2018; and 12,500 shares on March 31, 2019.
 - (4) Options were granted on January 29, 2016, of which 12,500 have vested and have been exercised and the remaining 37,500 shares will vest and be exercisable as follows: 12,500 shares on January 29, 2018; 12,500 shares on January 29, 2019; and 12,500 shares on January 29, 2020.

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