Flanders Paul R Form 4 March 06, 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**

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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] 10% Owner (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O CARROLS RESTAURANT 03/02/2012 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 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) Common Stock, 6,175 A 03/02/2012 M 97,929 D \$0.01 par value Common See Stock, 2,100 Footnote I \$0.01 par (1) value

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 proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(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)	\$ 2.6	03/02/2012		M	6,175	(2)	01/15/2016	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	6,175

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	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.
Flanders

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

O3/06/2012

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).
- (1) These shares of Common Stock are held by the Reporting Person's children.
- The Options were granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, and became exercisable over a period of five years, 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.

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