

GRACO INC  
Form DEFA14A  
March 07, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. )**

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**GRACO INC.**

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**\*\*\* Exercise Your *Right* to Vote \*\*\***

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on April 20, 2012.**

**GRACO INC.**

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual  
**For holders as of:** February 21, 2012

**Date:** April 20, 2012      **Time:** 1:00 p.m. CT

**Location:** George Aristides Riverside Center (RI)  
1150 Sibley Street NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55413-1894

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above-named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

## Before You Vote

### How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT    FORM 10-K    2011 OVERVIEW


**How to View Online:**

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow  (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:**

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

- 1) BY INTERNET:      [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) BY TELEPHONE:    1-800-579-1639
- 3) BY E-MAIL\*:      [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

\* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow  (located on the following page) in the subject line.

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 6, 2012 to facilitate timely delivery.


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## How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

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**Vote In Person:** If you intend to vote in person at the meeting, you will need to request a ballot at the meeting to vote the shares. You will be required to present sufficient proof of ownership of shares at the meeting before you receive a ballot.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow  (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You may vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

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**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following nominees:**

1. Election of Directors  
**Nominees**
  - 01) William J. Carroll
  - 02) Jack W. Eugster
  - 03) R. William Van Sant

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals:**

2. Ratification of appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm.
3. Approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation paid to the named executive officers as disclosed in the Proxy Statement.
4. Increase in authorized shares for the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
5. Incentive Bonus Plan.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote AGAINST the following proposal:**

6. Shareholder proposal to adopt majority voting for the election of directors.

**NOTE:** In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

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