SLOMANN CHERYL Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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 SLOMANN CHERYL Issuer Symbol CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC (Check all applicable) [CAKE] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 26901 MALIBU HILLS ROAD 02/15/2018 Principal Accounting Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301

(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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	02/15/2018		A	4,200 (1)	A	\$ 0	4,200 (2)	D		
Common Stock	03/12/2018		M	4,000	A	\$ 29.29	18,028	D		
Common Stock	03/12/2018		S	200	D	\$ 49.92	17,828	D		
Common Stock	03/12/2018		S	200	D	\$ 49.952	17,628	D		
Common Stock	03/12/2018		S	3,600	D	\$ 49.91	14,028	D		

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Common Stock	03/12/2018	S	1,500	D	\$ 49.7537	12,528	D	
Common Stock						500	I	By Trust
Common Stock						13	I	By IRA

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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. Numb orDerivation Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 5)	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.06	02/15/2018		A	8,700		<u>(4)</u>	02/15/2026	Common Stock	8,70
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.29	03/12/2018		M		4,000	01/05/2013	01/05/2020	Common Stock	4,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
SLOMANN CHERYL								
26901 MALIBU HILLS ROAD			Principal Accounting Officer					
CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301								

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Cheryl Slomann 03/12/2018

**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).
- (1) Restricted stock award which vests as to 60% of shares on 2/15/2021, and 20% of shares on each of 2/15/2022 and 2/15/2023.
- (2) Restricted shares subject to forfeiture.
- (3) Shares held by the Mark D. and Cheryl M. Slomann Trust u/a4/7/1997 of which the reporting person and her spouse are trustees.
- (4) Vests as to 20% of the options on each of 2/15/2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

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