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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Colligan Thomas J

Symbol

[CENT]

(Month/Day/Year)

02/13/2018

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner _ Other (specify

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

(Street)

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

SUITE 600

Stock

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	Perivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, 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. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code V	(A) or Amount (D) Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock	02/13/2018		A	542 <u>(1)</u> A \$ 0	4,113	D	
Class A							

Common Stock	02/13/2018	A	542 (1)	A	\$ 0	4,113	D
Class A Common Stock	02/13/2018	M	2,099	A	\$ 31.76	6,212	D
Class A Common	02/13/2018	F(2)	1,809	D	\$ 36.87	4,403	D

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Class A Common Stock	02/13/2018	M	4,849	A	\$ 13.75	9,252	D
Class A Common Stock	02/13/2018	F(2)	1,809	D	\$ 36.87	7,443	D

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)		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Numb orDerivati Securitie Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 5)	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	D)		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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.94	02/13/2018		A	5,415 (3)		<u>(4)</u>	08/13/2021	Class A Common Stock	5,415
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.76	02/13/2018		M		2,099	<u>(5)</u>	08/09/2020	Class A Common Stock	2,099
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.75	02/13/2018		M		4,849	<u>(6)</u>	08/09/2019	Class A Common Stock	4,849

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Colligan Thomas J C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600	X					

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Signatures

/s/ Thomas J Colligan 02/14/2018

**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).
- (1) Restricted stock award granted under the Company's Nonemployee Director Equity Incentive Plan, as amended
- Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price incurred upon the 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.
- (3) Stock options granted under the Company's Nonemployee Director Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.
- (4) One-third of the total options granted will become exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 13, 2018, the date of the grant.
- One-third of the total options granted became exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 14, 2017, the date of the grant.
- (6) One-third of the total options granted became exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months, and 30 months after February 9, 2016, the date of the grant.

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