

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BROWN WILLIAM E**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/24/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman and CEO**

**WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	11/24/2008		G	V	141,100 (1)	D	\$ 0 3,222,784
Class A Common Stock	11/24/2008		G	V	124,500 (1)	A	\$ 0 124,500
Class A Common Stock	03/26/2009		A		27,706 (2)	A	\$ 0 3,250,490
Class A Common	03/26/2009		F		9,905 (3)	D	\$ 7.76 3,240,585

By Irrevocable Trusts



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- (3) Shares delivered by the Reporting Person in payment of the withholding tax liability. The amount of shares withheld is based on the closing price of CENTA on March 26, 2009.

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