

MIDDLEBY CORP
Form 4
March 17, 2011

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 *
FITZGERALD TIMOTHY JOHN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O MIDDLEBY
CORPORATION, 1400
TOASTMASTER DRIVE**

(Street)

ELGIN, IL 60120

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
MIDDLEBY CORP [MIDD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/02/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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 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	
Common Stock	03/07/2011		F ⁽¹⁾		3,722 (1)	\$ 87.87 (1)	211,734 D
Common Stock	03/15/2011		F ⁽¹⁾		27,971 (1)	\$ 82.78 (1)	183,763 D
Common Stock	03/02/2011		M ⁽²⁾		7,972 (2)	\$ 9.235 (2)	191,735 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)	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 of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to buy	\$ 9.235 (2)	03/02/2011		M(2)	7,972 (2)	10/23/2003 10/23/2013	Common Stock	7,972

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
FITZGERALD TIMOTHY JOHN C/O MIDDLEBY CORPORATION 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE ELGIN, IL 60120	Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Martin M.
Lindsay POA 03/17/2011

__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) Transaction related to the surrender of shares to fund reporting persons tax liability related to a restricted stock vesting

Transaction represent the exercise of vested stock options. Reporting person was granted 70,000 shares of common stock of the

(2) Company on October 23, 2003 that carried an exercise price of \$9.235, the fair market value of the Company on the date of grant, and expires on October 23, 2013.

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