

Jannini Michael E
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Jannini Michael E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC
 [CAKE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 26901 MALIBU HILLS DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/05/2012

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

CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common stock	01/05/2012		A		8,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 66,000 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)

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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
Options to purchase common stock	\$ 29.29	01/05/2012		A	20,000	(2) 01/05/2020	Common stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Jannini Michael E 26901 MALIBU HILLS DRIVE CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301			President	

Signatures

Michael E. Jannini by Debby Zurzolo, his attorney in fact
 01/09/2012
 **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 the shares on 1/5/2015 and 20% of the shares on each of 1/5/2016 and 1/5/2017.
- (2) Options vest in five equal annual installments on 1/5/2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Subject to acceleration on change in control of the Company as set forth in the reporting person's employment agreement.

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