### FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>®</sup> DOLORI PHIL DR						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MIDDLEBY CORP</u> [ MIDD ]     3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)									eck all appli Directo	cable) or	ng Pe	rson(s) to Is	wner
(Last)	(Fi	(First) (Middle)				03/09/2007								2	X Officer (give ti below)		Other (specify below)		specify
C/O MIDDLEBY CORPORATION															Group President				
1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE					4. lf A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street)					-									· ·	X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
ELGIN	ELGIN IL 60120				_										Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip)																		
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
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									Code	v	Amount	(A) ( (D)	or P	Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	ed ction(s)	(Instr. 4)		(Instr. 4)
common stock 03/09/2					2007	007			<b>M</b> <sup>(2)</sup>		5,000	<sup>2)</sup> A		(2)	21	,687		D	
common stock 03/09/2				2007	)07			S <sup>(1)</sup>		5,000	1) D	9	\$120 <sup>(</sup>	<sup>1)</sup> 16	,687		D		
	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)	if any	emed ion Date, /Day/Year)	4. Transac Code (Ir 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	n Da		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		tr. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	i Ily J	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial O) Ownership ect (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	or Nu of	nount mber ares					
option to buy <sup>(2)</sup>	\$53.93	03/09/2007			M <sup>(2)</sup>	Π		5,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/28/20	06	02/28/2015	Common Stock	<sup>1</sup> 5,	,000	\$53.93 <sup>(2)</sup>	19,500	)	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares sold pursuant to 10b5-1 plan as previously filed

2. Reportig person was granted 25,000 Middleby Corporation stock options on Feb 28, 2005 with an expiration date of February 28, 2015. The grant price of \$53.93 was the closing fair market value of Middleby Corporation common stock on the date of grant.

#### Phil Dei Dolori

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

03/05/2007 Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 $^{\ast}$  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).

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