UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 9, 2007

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 1-9973 (Commission File Number) **36-3352497** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

of Incorporation)

1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois (Address of Principal Executive Offices) **60120** (Zip Code)

(847) 741-3300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On April 9, 2007, Philip Dei Dolori, a named executive officer of The Middleby Corporation (the "Company"), announced his intention to resign from his position as Group President of the Company's Blodgett, Pitco, Magikitch'n and Southbend operating divisions effective April 13, 2007.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

Dated: April 11, 2007

By: /s/ Timothy J. FitzGerald

Timothy J. FitzGerald Vice President and Chief Financial Officer