

GRACO INC  
Form DEFA14A  
March 15, 2017

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the**

**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. )**

Filed by the Registrant

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Check the appropriate box:

Preliminary Proxy Statement

**Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))**

Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

Soliciting Material under Rule 14a-12

**Graco Inc.**

**(Name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**(Name of person(s) filing proxy statement, if other than the registrant)**

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**\*\*\* Exercise Your Right to Vote \*\*\***

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on April 28, 2017.**

**GRACO INC.**

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual

**For holders as of:** February 27, 2017

**Date:** April 28, 2017      **Time:** 1:00 p.m., CT

**Location:** Meeting live via the Internet-please visit  
[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/GGG2017](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/GGG2017).

The company will be hosting the meeting live via the Internet this year. To attend the meeting via the Internet please visit [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/GGG2017](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/GGG2017) and be sure to have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page).

**You will need this information to access the virtual meeting.**

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

*GRACO INC.*

*88 11TH AVENUE N.E.*

*MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413-1894*

— **Before You Vote** —

How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT      2016 OVERVIEW AND ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K

**How to View Online:**

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:**

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

[www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)

1) *BY INTERNET:*

2) *BY TELEPHONE:*

1-800-579-1639

3) *BY E-MAIL\*:*

[sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

\* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) in the subject line.

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 14, 2017 to facilitate timely delivery.

— **How To Vote** —

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote By Internet:**

*Before The Meeting:*

Go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

*During The Meeting:*

Go to [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/GGG2017](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/GGG2017). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:**

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees**

- 1a) Patrick J. McHale
- 1b) Lee R. Mitau
- 1c) Martha A. Morfitt

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals:**

2. Ratification of appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered accounting firm.
3. Approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation paid to our named executive officers as disclosed in the Proxy Statement.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote 1 year on the following proposal:**

4. An advisory, non-binding vote on the frequency for which shareholders will have an advisory, non-binding vote on our executive compensation.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal:**

5. Approval of the Incentive Bonus Plan.

**NOTE:** In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

