

Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Haak Arne G.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC., 1030 W. CANTON AVENUE, STE. 100

(Street)

WINTER PARK, FL 32789

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.  
[RUTH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/03/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Financial Officer / EVP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 (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	03/03/2016		A		14,751	A	\$ 0 (1)
Common Stock	03/03/2016		A		10,678	A	\$ 0 (2)

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)

Table with 9 columns: 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 6). Includes sub-columns for Date Exercisable, Expiration Date, Title, and Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Includes entry for Haak Arne G., C/O RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC., 1030 W. CANTON AVENUE, STE. 100, WINTER PARK, FL 32789, with relationships of Director, 10% Owner, Officer, and Chief Financial Officer / EVP.

Signatures

/s/ James S. Rowe, under Power of Attorney 03/04/2016
\*\*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) Consists of shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the company's Amended and Restated 2005 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan after the company's compensation committee determined that certain performance goals for 2015 had been met. The shares will vest on March 3, 2018, the second anniversary of the date of the grant.
(2) Consists of shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the company's Amended and Restated 2005 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan, which vest pro rata on an annual basis over the three-year period following March 3, 2016, the date of the grant.

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