

Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
November 03, 2009

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**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): 11/03/2009**

**Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission File Number: 000-51485**

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**72-1060618**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**500 International Parkway**  
Heathrow, FL 32746  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(407) 333-7440**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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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 November 3, 2009, Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc., issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Robert S. Merritt to its Board of Directors, effective October 29, 2009. Mr. Merritt will serve as a member of the Audit Committee and will stand for election by vote of the shareholders at the annual meeting in 2010. With his appointment, the Board is now comprised of six members, five of whom are independent. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued by Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc., dated November 3, 2009.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc.

Date: November 03, 2009

By: /s/ Brian M. Judge

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Brian M. Judge  
Vice President and Controller

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>  |
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| EX-99.1                   | Press Release of Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc., dated November 3, 2009. |