

Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.
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FORM 4

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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 *
ODONNELL MICHAEL P

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/28/2014

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President, CEO and Director

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WINTER PARK, FL 32789

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2014 | | M | 23,528 | A \$ 8.5 | 686,191 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2014 | | M | 69,284 | A \$ 4.33 | 755,475 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2014 | | F | 40,453 <u>(1)</u> | D \$ 12.36 | 715,022 | D |

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)

| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 8.5 | 02/28/2014 | | M | 23,528 | <u>(2)</u> 08/06/2018 | Common Stock 23,528 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 4.33 | 02/28/2014 | | M | 69,284 | <u>(2)</u> 08/06/2018 | Common Stock 69,284 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ODONNELL MICHAEL P C/O RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC. 1030 W. CANTON AVENUE, STE. 100 WINTER PARK, FL 32789 | X | | President, CEO and Director | |

Signatures

/s/ James S. Rowe, under Power of Attorney 03/04/2014

**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) The reported disposition represents the delivery of shares to pay exercise prices arising from the exercise of employee stock options.
- (2) The options vested in five equal installments on August 7, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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