Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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 AVE, 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)
03/09/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/09/2017		F		5,152 (1)	D	$ 18.35	318,160	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2017		F		1,691 (1)	D	$ 18.75	316,469	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2017		A		12,743	A	$ 0 (2)	329,212	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2017		A		10,000	A	$ 0 (3)	339,212	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)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Haak Arne G. C/O RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC. 1030 W. CANTON AVE, STE. 100 WINTER PARK, FL 32789			Chief Financial Officer / EVP	

Signatures

/s/ Alice G. Givens, under Power of Attorney	03/13/2017
**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 withholding of shares to cover tax obligations arising from the vesting of restricted stock.

(2) 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 2016 had been met. The shares will vest on March 11, 2019, the second anniversary of the date of grant.

(3) 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 11, 2017, the date of grant

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