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APPLEBEES INTERNATIONAL INC  
Form 8-K  
December 14, 2001

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) December 14, 2001  
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Commission File Number: 000-17962

Applebee's International, Inc.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
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43-1461763  
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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4551 W. 107th Street, Suite 100, Overland Park, Kansas 66207  
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(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(913) 967-4000  
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5. Other Events

On December 14, 2001, Applebee's International, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release entitled "Applebee's International Declares Increased Annual

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Dividend." The press release contained the following information.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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APPLEBEE'S INTERNATIONAL DECLARES  
INCREASED ANNUAL DIVIDEND

Overland Park, Kan., December 14, 2001 -- Applebee's International, Inc. (Nasdaq:APPB) has declared an annual dividend of 8 cents per share. The dividend is payable January 29, 2002, to shareholders of record as of December 26, 2001. This is the company's twelfth consecutive annual dividend and represents an increase of 9 percent over last year's dividend of 7 cents per share (adjusted for a three-for-two stock split in June 2001).

Applebee's International, Inc., headquartered in Overland Park, Kan., currently develops, franchises and operates restaurants under the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar brand, the largest casual dining concept in the world. There are currently 1,390 Applebee's restaurants operating system-wide in 49 states and eight international countries. Additional information on Applebee's International can be found at the company's website ([www.applebees.com](http://www.applebees.com)).

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

APPLEBEE'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: December 14, 2001  
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By: /s/ George D. Shadid  
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George D. Shadid  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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