

Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.
Form 4
March 13, 2017

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HENRY CHERYL JANET

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O RUTH'S HOSPITALITY
GROUP, INC., 1030 WEST
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
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
President & COO - RHGI

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/09/2017		F		2,510 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.35	325,256	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2017		F		937 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.75	324,319	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2017		A		20,898	A	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	345,217	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2017		A		16,400	A	\$ 0 <u>(3)</u>	361,617	D	

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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 Own Follo Repor 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

HENRY CHERYL JANET
C/O RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC.
1030 WEST CANTON AVE STE 100
WINTER PARK, FL 32789

President & COO - RHGI

Signatures

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.

Consists of shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the company's Amended and Restated 2005 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan
(2) 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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