

Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.  
Form 4  
February 25, 2016

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Toomy Kevin W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O RUTH'S HOSPITALITY  
GROUP, INC., 1030 W. CANTON  
AVENUE, 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)  
02/23/2016

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)  
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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	02/23/2016		S		21,249	D \$ 16.71 <u>(1)</u>	181,246	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2016		M		20,000	A \$ 2.32	201,246	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)	\$ 2.32	02/24/2016		M	20,000	(2) 10/30/2018	Common Stock 20,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

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## Signatures

/s/ James S. Rowe, under Power of Attorney

02/25/2016

\*\*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).

- The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$16.64
- (1) to \$16.79, inclusive. The reporting person further undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc., or a security holder of Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc., full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 100,000 shares, became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on October 30, 2009, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.

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