

Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 O'DONNELL MICHAEL P

(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)  
 03/11/2016

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, CEO and Director

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Common Stock                    | 03/11/2016                           |  | F                              | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Code V Amount Price<br>36,206 \$<br><u>(1)</u> 17.28 | 1,179,704   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |  | 1,800   | I  | By Wife's IRA                              |

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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ James S. Rowe, under Power of Attorney  
 Date: 03/15/2016

\*\*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).

(1) The reported disposition represents the withholding of shares to cover tax obligations arising from the vesting of restricted stock.

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