

Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Cooper Carla

(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)
05/10/2017

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	05/10/2017		M		3,000 A \$ 17.17	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2017		S		3,000 D \$ 21.1958	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.17	05/10/2017		M	3,000	<u>(2)</u> 08/09/2017	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cooper Carla C/O RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC. 1030 W. CANTON AVE, STE. 100 WINTER PARK, FL 32789	X			

Signatures

Alice G. Givens, under Power of Attorney
Date: 05/11/2017

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 price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$21.20 to \$21.175, 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 3,000 shares, became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on August 9, 2008, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.

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