

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

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 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)  
 03/11/2014

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)  
 See Remarks

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) | (A) or (D) | 5. Amount or Price  | 6. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Grant          | 03/11/2014                           |  | A                              | 8,618   | A          | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup> | 148,336   | D                                 |
| Restricted Stock Grant          | 03/11/2014                           |  | A                              | 4,356   | A          | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup> | 152,692   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2014                           |  | F                              | 234 <sup>(3)</sup>  | D          | \$ 12.39            | 152,458   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2014                           |  | S                              | 10,000  | D          | \$                  | 142,458   | D                                 |

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Stock (4) 12.2668  
(5)

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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | 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 |

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See Remarks

## Signatures

/s/ James S. Rowe, under Power of Attorney 03/18/2014  
\*\*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) Consists of shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the company's 2005 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan after the company's compensation committee determined that certain performance goals for 2013 had been met. The shares will vest on March 11, 2016, the second anniversary of the date of the grant.
- (2)

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Consists of shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the company's 2005 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan, which vest pro rata on an annual basis over the three-year period following March 11, 2014, the date of the grant.

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

- The price reported in Column 4 is the weighted average trading price of the shares sold. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$12.21 to \$12.37 per share, inclusive. Upon request, the reporting person will provide to the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer or a securityholder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- (5)

### **Remarks:**

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