Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.

Form 4

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Common

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ODONNELL MICHAEL P Issuer Symbol Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc. (Check all applicable) [RUTH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O RUTH'S HOSPITALITY 03/03/2017 Chairman & CEO GROUP, INC., 1030 W. CANTON **AVE. STE. 100** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting WINTER PARK, FL 32789 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership

03/03/2017 F D 1,168,261 D 16.9 (1) Stock

Code V

Common By Wife's 1.800 I Stock **IRA**

Amount

5,340

(A)

(D)

Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address														
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other										

X

ODONNELL MICHAEL P C/O RUTH'S HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC. 1030 W. CANTON AVE. STE. 100 WINTER PARK, FL 32789

Chairman & CEO

Relationships

Signatures

a currently valid OMB number.

/s/ Alice G. Givens, under Power of 03/07/2017 Attorney

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
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