

Cooper Carla  
Form 4  
February 27, 2019

**FORM 4**

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Cooper Carla

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.  
[RUTH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1030 W. CANTON AVE., STE. 100  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/25/2019

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

WINTER PARK, FL 32789

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/25/2019                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                            | 3,804                                                                                                              | A                                                                    | 40,741                                                            |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | 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)**

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                     |
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | Code                                                           | V                                                                         | (A)                                                 | (D)                                                                        |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                         | Relationships |           |         |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                        | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Cooper Carla<br>1030 W. CANTON AVE., STE. 100<br>WINTER PARK, FL 32789 |               | X         |         |       |

Signatures

|                                                 |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| /s/ Alice G. Givens, under Power of<br>Attorney | 02/27/2019 |
| **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 units, granted pursuant to the Company's 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan, which vest pro rata on March 13, 2020, March 13, 2021 and March 13, 2022.

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