### APPLEBEES INTERNATIONAL INC

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| FORM 4  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFI  | ICIAL OWNERSHIP  |  |  |  |  |
| o Section 16(a) of the Secur<br>of the Public Utility Holdi<br>on 30(f) of the Investment ( |  |  |  |  |  |
| f no longer subject of Sect continue. See Instruction 1                                     | l(b).  |  |  |  |  |
| of Reporting Person   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mark  | Α.   |  |  |  |  |
| (First)<br>onal, Inc.<br>Suite 100  | (Middle)   |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)  |  |  |  |  |  |
| KS  | 66207  |  |  |  |  |

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFIC

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securi Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Section 30(f) of the Investment Co

[ ] Check this box if no longer subject of Secti obligations may continue. See Instruction 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Mark (Last) (First) Applebee's International, Inc. 4551 W. 107th Street, Suite 100(Street) Overland Park KS \_\_\_\_\_\_ (City) (State) (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Applebee's International, Inc. - APPB \_\_\_\_\_\_

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

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4. Statement for Month/Year

\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

N/A

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6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer

| (Check all applicable)                 |   |                          |  |           |            |
|--|---|--------------------------|--|-----------|------------|
| [ ] Director [ X ] Officer (give title |   | ] 10% Owne<br>] Other (s |  |           |            |
| Vice President/Controlle               | er  |                          |  |           |            |
|  |   |                          |  |           |            |
| 0:                                     | vative Securities Acc<br>r Beneficially Owned | quired, Dispos           | sed of,  |           |            |
|  |   |                          |  | ===       |            |
|  |   |                          | 4. Securities Acquired (AD Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |           | (A) or     |
| 1.                                     | 2.<br>Transaction                             | Code<br>(Instr. 8)       |  | (A)       | D          |
| Title of Security (Instr. 3)           | Date<br>(mm/dd/yy)                            |                          | I IIIIO GITE   | or<br>(D) | Price<br>) |
|  |   |                          |  |           |            |
| Common Stock                           |   | A                        | 479  | A         |            |
| Common Stock                           | 3/8/01  | S                        | 1,718  | D         | 33.0000    |
| Common Stock                           | 3/27/01                                       | M<br>                    | 3,742  | A         | 25.1250    |
| Common Stock                           | 3/27/01                                       |                          | 3,742  |           | 35.5000    |
|  |   |                          |  |           |            |
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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. of action |  | 4. Trans-  | or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)   |   |  |          | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |               |
|--------------|--|--|--|---|--|----------|---|---------------|
|              | action   | Code   |  |   |  |          |   | Amount        |
| Secur-       | Day/   | 8)   |  |   |  | -        |   | Number<br>of  |
| ity<br>      | Year)<br>  | Code V   | (A)  | (D)<br>   | cisable<br>  | Date<br> | Title   | Shares        |
|              |  |  |  |   |  |          |   |               |
| 33.1250      | 3/9/01   | A V  | 8,000  |   | 3/9/04   | 3/9/11   |   |               |
| 25.1250      | 3/27/01  | М  |  | 3 <b>,</b> 742  | 5/14/00  | 5/14/07  | Common<br>Stock   | 24<br>Millior |
|              |  |  |  |   |  |          |   |               |
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|              | of Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity  33.1250  25.1250 | of Exer- cise 3. Price Trans- of action Deriv- Date ative (Month/ Secur- Day/ ity Year)  33.1250 3/9/01  25.1250 3/27/01 | of Exer- 4. cise 3. Trans- Price Trans- action of action Code Deriv- Date (Instr. ative (Month/ 8) Secur- Day/ ity Year) Code V  33.1250 3/9/01 A V  25.1250 3/27/01 M | of Exer- 4. Securit cise 3. Trans- Acquire Price Trans- action or Disposed of action Code of (D) Deriv- Date (Instr. (Instrative (Month/ 8) 4 and 9 Secur- Day/ (A)  33.1250 3/9/01 A V 8,000  25.1250 3/27/01 M  of Responses: The reported transact | of Exer- 4. Securities cise 3. Trans- Acquired (A) Price Trans- action or Disposed of action Code of (D) Deriv- Date (Instr. (Instr. 3, ative (Month/ 8) 4 and 5) Secur- Day/ ity Year) Code V (A) (D)  33.1250 3/9/01 A V 8,000  25.1250 3/27/01 M 3,742  of Responses: The reported transaction in | of Exer- | of Exer-  | of Exer-      |

/s/ Mark A. Peterson April 10, 2001

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

one-third vesting each year until June 15, 2001.

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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