

GATHERS THOMAS W
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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 *
 GATHERS THOMAS W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RARE HOSPITALITY INTERNATIONAL INC [RARE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 8215 ROSWELL ROAD, BUILDING 600
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/13/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP- Human Resources

ATLANTA, GA 30350

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	02/13/2007		A	1,568	A	\$ 0	10,721	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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.88	02/13/2007		A	3,150	02/13/2010 ⁽¹⁾ 02/13/2017	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.88	02/13/2007		A	7,134	02/13/2008 ⁽²⁾ 02/13/2017	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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Signatures

Thomas W. Gathers, by W. Douglas Benn,
Attorney-in-Fact 02/15/2007

**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) Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares under the RARE Hospitality International, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The options vest with respect to 3,150 shares on February 13, 2010.
- (2) Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares under the RARE Hospitality International, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The options vest with respect to 2,571 shares on February 13, 2008; 2,571 shares on February 13, 2009; and 1,992 shares on February 13, 2010.

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