

RARE HOSPITALITY INTERNATIONAL INC
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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 *
BENN W DOUGLAS

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)
 02/23/2006

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/23/2006		M	A	\$ 6.2223	50,444	D
Common Stock	02/23/2006		M	A	\$ 8.528	54,554	D
Common Stock	02/23/2006		S	D	\$ 31.68	47,554	D
Common Stock						2,025	I
						750	I

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 IRA
 Account

Common Stock							By custodian for Madeline Ashley Benn
Common Stock				750	I		By custodian for Kelsey Elizabeth Benn

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.2223	02/23/2006		M	2,890	03/23/2001 03/24/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.528	02/23/2006		M	4,110	12/27/2000 ⁽¹⁾ 12/27/2009	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENN W DOUGLAS 8215 ROSWELL ROAD BUILDING 600			Chief Financial Officer	

ATLANTA, GA 30350

Signatures

W. Douglas Benn, by Joia M. Johnson,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/27/2006

__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) 22,950 options vested and became exercisable on December 27, 2000; 22,275 options vested and became exercisable on December 27, 2001; and 22,275 options vested and became exercisable on December 27, 2002.

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