

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)
05/08/2006

____ 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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	05/08/2006		M		2,000 A \$ 8.528	49,554	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006		S		400 D \$ 31.7851	49,154	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006		S		1,600 D \$ 31.75	47,554	D
Common Stock						2,025	I
						750	I

By WDB
 IRA
 Account

Common
Stock

By
custodian
for
Madeline
Ashley
Benn

Common
Stock

750 I

By
custodian
for Kelsey
Elizabeth
Benn

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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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.528	05/08/2006		M	2,000	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 ATLANTA, GA 30350			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

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

05/10/2006

__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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