

RARE HOSPITALITY INTERNATIONAL INC

Form 4

December 12, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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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)
12/11/2006

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

ATLANTA, GA 30350

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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 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 (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/11/2006		M		800	A	\$ 6.2778
							9,561
							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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.2778	12/11/2006		M	800	12/07/2000 ⁽¹⁾ 12/07/2008	Common Stock	800

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
GATHERS THOMAS W 8215 ROSWELL ROAD BUILDING 600 ATLANTA, GA 30350	EVP- Human Resources

Signatures

Thomas W. Gathers, by Joia M. Johnson,
Attorney-in-Fact 12/12/2006

____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) All options vested and became exercisable on December 7, 2000.

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