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Form 8-K

September 10, 2004

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

FORM 8-K

Current Report

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest  
event reported)

September 10, 2004 (September 7, 2004)

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Applebee's International, Inc.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

000-17962

43-1461763

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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

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(Commission  
File Number)

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(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

4551 W. 107th Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66207

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(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(913) 967-4000

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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(17 CFR 230.425)

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240.14a-12)

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- [ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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Item 3.03. Material Modifications to Rights of Security Holders.

The Applebee's International, Inc. shareholder rights plan expired as of the close of business on September 7, 2004. The company has no plans to renew it.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

APPLEBEE'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: September 10, 2004  
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By: /s/ Steven K. Lumpkin  
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Steven K. Lumpkin  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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