DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC

Form 4 September 27, 2002

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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[_]	Check box if no longer s may continue. See Instruc		on 16.	Form 4 or Form 5 obliga	tions
1.	Name and Address of Repor	rting Person*			
Dimo	poulos	Linda		J.	
(Last)	(First)		(Middle)	
5900	LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE, P.O.	BOX 593330			
		(Street)			
ORLA	NDO	FL		32859-3330	
(City)	(State)		(Zip)	
DARD	Issuer Name and Ticker or EN RESTAURANTS, INC. (DRI IRS Identification Number	ː)	 erson,	if an Entity (Voluntary)
	Statement for Month/Year 6/02				
5.	If Amendment, Date of Ori	ginal (Month/Yea	 ar)		
6.	Relationship of Reporting (Check all applicable)	g Person to Issue	 er		
	<pre>[_] Director [X] Officer (give title</pre>	below)	[_] [_]	10% Owner Other (specify below)	
	SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT				

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

[X] Form filed by one Report		rson				
Table I Non-Derivat:						
	2.	3. Transacti	Disposed on (Instr.	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)		Amou	int o	A) r P D)	rice
Common Stock	09/26/02		13,7			8.3284
Common Stock	09/26/02	S		743 D	\$	
Common Stock						
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* If the Form is filed by more 4(b)(v). Reminder: Report on a separate line owned directly or indirectly or indirectly.	than one Reporti	ng Person,	see Instruct	ion		
	or Type Respons	e)		(Over)		

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

	Price Tra of act Deriv- Dat ative (Mo Secur- Day	3. Trans-	(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)	
1. Title of		action Date							Amount or
Derivative Security		(Month/ Day/				Exer-		m'	Number of
(Instr. 3)	ity 	Year) 	Code V	(A) 	(D)	cisable 	Date 	Title 	Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$8.3284	09/26/02	М		13,743	(3)	10/21/02	Common Stock	13,743
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Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents number of securities beneficially owned as of 9/26/02.
- (2) The number of shares reported is based on a plan statement dated May 24,2002, and is derived from an undivided interest in a fund consisting of both Darden common stock and a small cash position that fluctuates from time to time. The number of shares may change based on the size of the cash position at the time of reporting.
- (3) The option vested in five equal installments beginning 9/21/92.

/s/ Douglas E. Wentz 9/27/02

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

BY: DOUGLAS E. WENTZ, Attorney-in-fact

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DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC. (DRI)
09/26/02

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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