

CHECKERS DRIVE IN RESTAURANTS INC /DE

Form 8-K

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FORM 8-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Current Report Pursuant  
to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)  
February 26, 2004

CHECKERS DRIVE-IN RESTAURANTS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

DELAWARE	0-19649	58-1654960
(State or other jurisdiction of	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

4300 WEST CYPRESS STREET, SUITE 600, TAMPA FLORIDA 33607  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code  
(813) 283-7000

Former name or former address (if changed since last report)  
NOT APPLICABLE

Item 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On February 26, 2004, the Registrant issued a news release entitled "Checkers Drive-In Restaurants, Inc. appoints President and C.E.O. Keith E. Sirois to Board of Directors", a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

CHECKERS DRIVE-IN RESTAURANTS, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Brian R. Doster  
Title: V.P., Corporate Counsel and Secretary  
Dated: February 26, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Exhibit Number    Description

99.1                    Press Release, dated February 26, 2004

Exhibit 99.1

CHECKERS DRIVE-IN RESTAURANTS, INC.

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Checkers Drive-In Restaurants, Inc.  
Appoints President and C.E.O. Keith  
E. Sirois to Board of Directors

TAMPA, FL., February 26, 2004 -  
Checkers Drive-In Restaurants, Inc.  
(NASDAQ: CHKR) today announced that  
Keith E. Sirois has been appointed to  
the Company's Board of Directors. Mr.  
Sirois has served in his current capacity  
as President and C.E.O. since May of 2003.  
He joined Checkers in August of 1996.

Peter O'Hara, Chairman of the Board of  
Directors of Checkers Drive-In Restaurants,  
Inc. commented: "I am delighted that Keith  
has accepted a new position on the Board.  
His management and leadership skills, in  
addition to his 30 years of experience in  
the food service industry bring added value  
to this new role. I congratulate him on his  
appointment."

Mr. O'Hara continued: "I know I speak for the  
entire Board of Directors when I say that we  
have the utmost confidence in Keith and his  
management team, most of whom have been together  
for more than five years. Their track record  
and commitment to generating positive results  
for Checkers(R) and Rally's(R) are the reason for  
our success and stronger financial position."

About Checkers Drive-In Restaurants, Inc.  
Checkers is headquartered in Tampa, Florida.  
For more information about the Company,  
please visit [www.checkers.com](http://www.checkers.com).

Except for historical information, this  
announcement contains "forward- looking"  
and "Safe Harbor" statements within the  
meaning of Section 27A of the Securities

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Act of 1933, as amended, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.