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DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC
Form 4
January 09, 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

Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations
may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Dimopoulos	Linda	J.
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE, P.O. BOX 593330		
	(Street)	
ORLANDO	FL	32859-3330
(City)	(State)	(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC. (DRI)

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

12/2001

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	

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

Form filed by one Reporting Person
 Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,
or Beneficially Owned
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- Amount or (A) (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/17/01	F	724	D \$36.68
Common Stock	12/26/01	M	6,518	A \$11.3081
Common Stock	12/26/01	M	1,285	A \$12.2823
Common Stock	12/26/01	M	4,097	A \$12.4926
Common Stock	12/26/01	S	6,518	D \$36.0032
Common Stock	12/26/01	S	1,285	D \$36.00
Common Stock	12/26/01	S	4,097	D \$36.00

* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Print or Type Response)

(Over)

FORM 4 (continued)

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. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares

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Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$11.3081	12/26/01	M	6,518	06/22/96	07/22/02	Common Stock	6,518
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$12.2823	12/26/01	M	1,285	12/09/94	01/09/02	Common Stock	1,285
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$12.4926	12/26/01	M	4,097	09/21/96	10/21/02	Common Stock	4,097

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Douglas E. Wentz 01/09/02

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

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

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.