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Form 8-K
December 12, 2002

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) December 12, 2002

Commission File Number: 000-17962

Applebee's International, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

43-1461763

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

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

4551 W. 107th Street, Suite 100, Overland Park, Kansas 66207

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(913) 967-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

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

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Item 5. Other Events

On December 12, 2002, Applebee's International, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release entitled "Applebee's International Declares Increased Annual

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Dividend." The press release contained the following information.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Carol DiRaimo,
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Applebee's International Declares Increased Annual Dividend

Overland Park, Kan., December 12, 2002 -- Applebee's International, Inc. (Nasdaq:APPB) has declared an annual dividend of 6 cents per share. The dividend is payable January 30, 2003, to shareholders of record as of December 27, 2002. This is the company's 13th consecutive annual dividend and represents an increase of 12.5 percent over last year's dividend of 5 cents per share (adjusted for a three-for-two stock split in June 2002).

Applebee's International, Inc., headquartered in Overland Park, Kan., develops, franchises and operates restaurants under the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar brand, the largest casual dining concept in the world. There are currently 1,489 Applebee's restaurants operating system-wide in 49 states and eight international countries. Additional information on Applebee's International can be found at the company's website (www.applebees.com).

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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: December 12, 2002

By: /s/ Steven K. Lumpkin

Steven K. Lumpkin
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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