

STEAK & SHAKE CO  
Form 8-K  
January 14, 2009

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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): January 8, 2009

THE STEAK N SHAKE COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

INDIANA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	0-8445 (Commission File Number)	37-0684070 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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36 S. Pennsylvania Street, Suite 500 Indianapolis, Indiana (Address of principal executive offices)	46204 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone  
number, including area  
code: (317) 633-4100

Not Applicable  
(Former name or  
former address, if  
changed since last  
report.)

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 8, 2009, Dr. John Ryan and Mr. J. Fred Risk indicated that they have decided not to run for reelection to the Company's Board of Directors. Their decisions were not a result of a disagreement with the Registrant or any matter related to the Registrant's operations, policies, or practices. Dr. Ryan has served on the Board since 1996 and Mr. Risk since 1971.

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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.

THE STEAK N SHAKE COMPANY

By: /s/ Sardar Biglari  
Sardar Biglari  
Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: January 14, 2009