#### GAYLORD EDWARD K II

Form 4

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(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading GAYLORD EDWARD K II Issuer Symbol Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc. (Check all applicable) [RHP] X\_ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 5112 NORTH WILKINSON 12/21/2012 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

PARADISE VALLEY, AZ 85253

(State)

(Zip)

| (City)              | (State) (2          | Table                  | : I - Non-De | erivative S        | ecurit | ies Acq  | uired, Disposed o          | f, or Beneficial    | ly Owned               |  |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------|----------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--|
| 1.Title of          | 2. Transaction Date |                        | 3.           | 4. Securiti        |        | •        | 5. Amount of               | 6. Ownership        |                        |  |
| Security (Instr. 3) | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if any | Code         | n(A) or Dis<br>(D) | posea  | OI       | Securities<br>Beneficially | Form: Direct (D) or | Indirect<br>Beneficial |  |
| (IIIstr. 3)         |                     | (Month/Day/Year)       | (Instr. 8)   | (Instr. 3, 4       | and 5  | 5)       | Owned                      | Indirect (I)        | Ownership              |  |
|                     |                     | , ,                    | ,            |                    | ,      |          | Following                  | (Instr. 4)          | (Instr. 4)             |  |
|                     |                     |                        |              | (A)                |        | Reported |                            |                     |                        |  |
|                     |                     |                        |              |                    | or     |          | Transaction(s)             |                     |                        |  |
|                     |                     |                        | Code V       | Amount             | (D)    | Price    | (Instr. 3 and 4)           |                     |                        |  |
| Common<br>Stock     | 12/21/2012          |                        | J            | 22,809<br>(1)      | A      | \$0      | 146,214                    | D                   |                        |  |
| Common<br>Stock     | 12/21/2012          |                        | J            | 441 (1)            | A      | \$0      | 2,828                      | I                   | By GSTT<br>Trust       |  |
| Comon<br>Stock      | 12/21/2012          |                        | J            | 441 (1)            | A      | \$0      | 2,828                      | I                   | BY GSTT<br>Trust       |  |

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. orNumber 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) |  | 8. Pri<br>Deriv<br>Secun<br>(Instr |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                                    |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 17.33  |                                      |   |                                       |   | (2)  | 05/08/2004         | Common<br>Stock   | 6,098                                  |                                    |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 25.12  |                                      |   |                                       |   | (2)  | 05/07/2014         | Common<br>Stock   | 6,098                                  |                                    |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 34.19  |                                      |   |                                       |   | (2)  | 05/05/2015         | Common<br>Stock   | 6,098                                  |                                    |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 37.31  |                                      |   |                                       |   | <u>(2)</u>   | 05/04/2016         | Common<br>Stock   | 6,098                                  |                                    |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$ 0  |                                      |   |                                       |   | <u>(4)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>         | Common<br>Stock   | 1,777                                  |                                    |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$ 0  |                                      |   |                                       |   | <u>(4)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>         | Common<br>Stock   | 3,645                                  |                                    |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$ 0  |                                      |   |                                       |   | <u>(4)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>         | Common<br>Stock   | 3,405                                  |                                    |

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GAYLORD EDWARD K II 5112 NORTH WILKINSON X PARADISE VALLEY, AZ 85253

# **Signatures**

Carter R. Todd, Attorney-in-Fact for Edward K. Gaylord II

12/21/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- On December 21, 2012, the Issuer paid a special dividend to stockholders of record on November 13, 2012. As a result of the special dividend, the reporting person received 22809 shares of common stock on December 21, 2012 with respect to shares held directly, and two trusts established by the reporting person each received 441 shares of common stock on December 21, 2012.
- (2) Each of these stock options grants vested 100% on the first anniversary date of the grant.
  - In connection with the special dividend paid on December 21, 2012, the previously reported stock options were adjusted pursuant to anti-dilution provisions contained in the Issuer's equity incentive plans, and the amounts reported reflect such adjustments. The
- adjustments were based on the ratio between the unadjusted closing trading price on the NYSE of a share of the Issuer's common stock on the date prior to the ex-dividend date, and the opening price on the NYSE on the ex-dividend date.
- (4) Mr. Gaylord has deferred vesting of these restricted stock units until the earlier of a designated date or termination of his service as a director.
  - In connection with the special dividend paid on December 21, 2012, the previously reported restricted stock units were adjusted pursuant to anti-dilution provisions that applied to restricted stock units pursuant to the Issuer's equity incentive plans. For each share underlying
- (5) the restricted stock units, the reporting person received additional restricted stock units equal to 0.1848316 of a share, subject to the same vesting and other restrictions as the original award. The amount listed in this column reflects the total number of shares issuable upon vesting of the award following such adjustment.

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