

KLOEPPEL DAVID C
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KLOEPPEL DAVID C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GAYLORD ENTERTAINMENT CO /DE [GET]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ONE GAYLORD DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/10/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President & COO

NASHVILLE, TN 37214
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/10/2012		M	20,000 (1) A \$ 22.95	0	D	
Common Stock	02/10/2012		F	16,727 (1) D \$ 29.52	81,149 (2)	D	

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

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.95	02/10/2012		M	20,000	02/11/2005 02/11/2012	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KLOEPEL DAVID C ONE GAYLORD DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37214			President & COO	

Signatures

Carter R. Todd, Attorney-in-Fact for David C. Kloepfel
Date: 02/13/2012

__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).

(1) On February 10, 2012 Mr. Kloepfel exercised options to purchase 20,000 shares of the Company's common stock, having an exercise price of 22.95 per share. Mr. Kloepfel paid the exercise price for such option and the applicable tax to be withheld by surrendering 16,727 of such shares. Mr. Kloepfel retained the remaining 3,273 shares.

(2) Does not include 56,250 shares of common stock issuable upon the vesting of restricted stock unit awards, with both a performance-based and time-based vesting schedule, originally granted on February 4, 2008 and amended on September 3, 2010. Does not include 21,750 shares of common stock issuable upon the vesting of time-based restricted stock unit awards granted on June 22, 2009. Does not include 17,500 shares of common stock issuable upon the vesting of time-based restricted stock unit awards granted on February 3, 2010. Does not include 14,000 shares of common stock issuable upon the vesting of performance-based stock unit awards granted on February 2, 2011. Does not include 15,000 shares of common stock issuable upon the vesting of time based stock unit awards granted on February 8, 2012. Does not include 15,000 shares of common stock issuable upon the vesting of performance-based stock units granted on February 8, 2012.

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