RICHELSEN RAY C

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RICHELSEN RAY C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BANTA CORP [BN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			BANTA CORF [BN]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
225 MAIN STREET, P. O. BOX 8003			02/08/2006	Officer (give titleOther (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
MENASHA, WI 54952-8003			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	anired Disposed of or Reneficially Owne		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securion(A) or Do (Instr. 3,	ispose	ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/09/2006		P	1,000	A	\$ 49.25	1,000	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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom stock units (1)	\$ 0	02/08/2006		A	20.39	(2)	(2)	Phantom stock units	20.39
Stock Option	\$ 19.1875					10/26/2000	04/26/2010	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option	\$ 21.375					10/28/1999	04/27/2009	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option	\$ 24.875					05/01/1999	10/31/2008	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Option	\$ 26					10/25/2001	04/25/2011	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option	\$ 30.92					10/30/2003	04/30/2013	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option	\$ 36.71					04/24/2002	04/24/2012	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option	\$ 39.62					10/27/2005	04/27/2015	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option	\$ 45.79					10/28/2004	04/28/2014	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RICHELSEN RAY C 225 MAIN STREET P. O. BOX 8003 MENASHA, WI 54952-8003	X						

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Ronald D. Kneezel, Attorney-in-fact 02/10/2006

**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).
- (2) The units will be settled in cash following the reporting person's conclusion of service as a director.
- (3) This security converts on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) Balance includes 20.17 phantom stock units acquired in February 2006 through exempt dividend reinvestment at a price of \$51.12 per share.
- (1) Payment of deferred meeting fees at a price of \$49.05 per share.

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