

Beeder John W
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Beeder John W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AMERICAN GREETINGS CORP
 [AM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE AMERICAN ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/03/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

CLEVELAND, OH 44144
 (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 or Price		
Class A Common Shares	05/03/2011		A		11,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 49,859 D
Class A Common Shares	05/03/2011		F		109 (2)	D	\$ 23.72 49,750 D
Class A Common Shares	05/05/2011		M		17,500	A	\$ 7.73 67,250 D
Class A Common	05/05/2011		S		17,500	D	\$ 23.95 49,750 D

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Shares
 Class A
 Common Shares 14,500.57 I Deferred Comp.

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 7.73	05/05/2011		M	17,500	(3) 05/01/2019	Class A Common Shares	17,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Beeder John W ONE AMERICAN ROAD CLEVELAND, OH 44144			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

Christopher W. Haffke, Power of Attorney for John W. Beeder 05/05/2011
 **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) Represents restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on May 3, 2011. The restricted stock units will vest and shares will be issued in equal amounts on the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant, based on the continued service of the reporting person.

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- Represents the number of shares withheld for the payment of taxes due upon vesting of restricted stock units, the remainder of which
- (2) vested shares were deferred to the account of the reporting person under the Corporation's Executive Officers Deferred Compensation Plan.
 - (3) These options became fully exercisable on May 1, 2011.

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