

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 Beneficial 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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- 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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