McGrath Brian T Form 4 May 05, 2011

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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(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 McGrath Brian T Issuer Symbol AMERICAN GREETINGS CORP [AM]

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

Senior Vice President

X\_ Officer (give title below)

Other (specify

ONE AMERICAN ROAD

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

05/03/2011

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44144

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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)	Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or			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)		
Class A Common Shares	05/03/2011		Code V  A	Amount 5,500 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0	35,300	D			
Class A Common Shares	05/03/2011		F	455 (2)	D	\$ 23.72	34,845	D			
Class A Common Shares	05/04/2011		S	945	D	\$ 23.72	33,900	D			
Class A Common	05/05/2011		M	20,000	A	\$ 18.12	53,900	D			

**Shares** 

Class A Common Shares	05/05/2011	M	7,070	A	\$ 7.73	60,970	D
Class A Common Shares	05/05/2011	S	27,070 (3)	D	\$ 24	33,900	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of tiorDerivative Securities (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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 18.12	05/05/2011		M		20,000	<u>(4)</u>	05/01/2018	Class A Common Shares	20,000
Stock Option	\$ 7.73	05/05/2011		M		7,070	<u>(5)</u>	05/01/2019	Class A Common Shares	7,070

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
McGrath Brian T								
ONE AMERICAN ROAD			Senior Vice President					

## **Signatures**

CLEVELAND, OH 44144

Christopher W. Haffke, Power of Attorney for Brian T. McGrath

05/05/2011

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\*\*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).
- Represents restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on May 3, 2011. The restricted stock units will vest and shares will be (1) issued in equal amounts on the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant, based on the continued employment of the reporting
- (2) Represents the number of shares withheld for the payment of taxes due upon vesting of restricted stock units.
- (3) Transaction was made pursuant to the reporting person's 10b5-1 Plan.
- (4) These options became fully exercisable on May 1, 2010.
- (5) These options became fully exercisable on May 1, 2011.

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