McGrath Brian T Form 4 May 10, 2011

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

obligations

may continue.

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Addr McGrath Brian	•	ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN GREETINGS CORP [AM]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) ONE AMERIC	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/06/2011	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (spec below) Senior Vice President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person		
CLEVELAND	OH 44144	(7°)		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

	(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y Owned
5	I.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
(Class A Common Shares	05/06/2011		M	2,000	A	\$ 18.12	35,900	D	
(Class A Common Shares	05/06/2011		M	3,930	A	\$ 7.73	39,830	D	
(Class A Common Shares	05/06/2011		S	5,930	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 7.73	05/06/2011		M	3,930	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2019	Class A Common Shares	3,930
Stock Option	\$ 18.12	05/06/2011		M	2,000	(2)	05/01/2018	Class A Common Shares	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McGrath Brian T

ONE AMERICAN ROAD Senior Vice President

CLEVELAND, OH 44144

Signatures

Catherine M. Kilbane, Power of Attorney for Brian T.

McGrath

05/10/2011

**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) These options became fully exercisable on May 1, 2011.
- (2) These options became fully exercisable on May 1, 2010.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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