

Johnston Thomas H  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Johnston Thomas H

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)  
05/03/2010

\_\_\_\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Class A Common Shares	05/03/2010		A		2,800 (1) \$ 0	D	
Class A Common Shares	05/04/2010		M		11,000 A \$ 7.73	D	
Class A Common Shares	05/04/2010		S		11,000 D \$ 24.106 (2)	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. 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
					V	(A)	(D)			
Stock Option	\$ 7.73	05/04/2010		M		11,000	<u>(3)</u> 05/01/2019	Class A Common Shares	11,000	
Stock Option	\$ 24.69	05/03/2010		A		11,000	<u>(4)</u> 05/03/2020	Class A Common Shares	11,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Johnston Thomas H ONE AMERICAN ROAD CLEVELAND, OH 44144			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Catherine M. Kilbane, Power of Attorney for Thomas H. Johnston 05/05/2010

\_\_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, 2010. 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 employment of the reporting person.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price for shares sold on May 4, 2010, with prices ranging from \$23.99 to \$24.24, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to American Greetings Corporation, any security holder thereof, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

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- (3) This option became exercisable with respect to 11,000 shares on May 1, 2010, and will become exercisable with respect to 11,000 shares on May 1, 2011.
- (4) This option will vest equally on each of the first and second anniversaries of the grant date.

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