

AMERICAN GREETINGS CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MASON WILLIAM R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AMERICAN GREETING  
CORP, ONE AMERICAN ROAD

(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44144

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/11/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	07/11/2005		M		10,000	A	\$ 14
Class A Common Stock	07/11/2005		S		8,000	D	\$ 26.22
Class A Common Stock	07/11/2005		S		2,000	D	\$ 26.25
Class A					1,060	I	

by Joint

Common  
Stock

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
						Code	V (A)	(D)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14	07/11/2005		M	10,000	03/01/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/01/2012	Class A Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

MASON WILLIAM R  
C/O AMERICAN GREETING CORP  
ONE AMERICAN ROAD  
CLEVELAND, OH 44144

Senior Vice President

## Signatures

By: Catherine M. Kilbane, Power of Attorney For: William R. Mason

07/12/2005

\_\_\_\_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) This option became exercisable in two equal installments on March 1, 2003 and 2004.

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