

BENTZ FRANK L III

Form 4

December 17, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BENTZ FRANK L III

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC
[SASR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
BENTZ, III, FRANK L., 17801
GEORGIA AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2004

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

(Street)
OLNEY, MD 20832

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
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(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)	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			
Common Stock					2,699	I	401K
Common Stock					114	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan

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)	8. D S (I
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14.54							Common Stock	3,750
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 16.42							Common Stock	1,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.21							Common Stock	2,400
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 20.33							Common Stock	1,125
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 31.25							Common Stock	4,700
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 32.25							Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38	12/15/2004		A	6,050	12/15/2004	12/15/2014	Common Stock	6,050
Stock Options	\$ 38.91					12/17/2003	12/17/2013	Common Stock	5,000

(Right to
buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENTZ FRANK L III BENTZ, III, FRANK L. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Theresa A. Cornish
by POA

12/17/2004

__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).

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