

THORNTON JERRY SUE
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
THORNTON JERRY SUE

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)
C/O ONE AMERICAN ROAD

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/01/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Class B Common Shares | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 11,868.829 ⁽¹⁾ I | | By Deferred Comp. |

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)

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| 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. I Der Sec (In | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------------|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 18.12 | 05/01/2008 | | A | 7,000 | <u>(2)</u> | 05/01/2018 | Class A Common Shares | 7,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| THORNTON JERRY SUE C/O ONE AMERICAN ROAD CLEVELAND, OH 44144 | | X | | |

Signatures

Catherine M. Kilbane, Power of Attorney for Jerry Sue
Thornton 05/05/2008

 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 the number of shares allocated to the account of the reporting person under the Corporation's Outside Directors Deferred Compensation Plan, including dividend equivalents credited with respect to any dividends paid on issuer's common shares.
- (2) This option will vest equally on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant.

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