

LIPKIN GERALD H
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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 *
LIPKIN GERALD H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
[VLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1455 VALLEY ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/08/2010

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President and CEO

WAYNE, NJ 07470-
(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/08/2010		F		1,021 D \$ 13.15	244,879	D
Common Stock	02/08/2010		S		16,900 (1) D \$ 13.3126	227,979	D
Common Stock	02/09/2010		S		47,100 (1) D \$ 13.3044	180,879	D
Common Stock						6,000	I Spouse - Roth IRA
Common Stock						185,559	I Wife

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Common Stock (401k Plan) ⁽²⁾	2,755	D
Common Stock (Roth IRA)	50,610	D
Common Stock (with Spouse)	134	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 18.9714					02/15/2002 02/15/2012	Common Stock	26,628
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Stock Options	\$ 18.2286					03/01/2004 03/01/2013	Common Stock	9,849
Stock Options	\$ 20.9524					02/26/2005 02/26/2014	Common Stock	26,803
Stock Options	\$ 20.9905					02/08/2006 02/08/2015	Common Stock	25,527
	\$ 19.9429					02/15/2007 02/15/2016		30,388

Stock Options					Common Stock	
Stock Options	\$ 22.4095		02/13/2008	02/13/2017	Common Stock	40,517
Stock Options	\$ 16.9619		02/12/2009	02/12/2018	Common Stock	38,587

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LIPKIN GERALD H 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ MITCHELL L. CRANDELL, AS
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

02/09/2010

__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) This sale of Valley common stock was of shares held in personal accounts by either Mr. Lipkin or his wife. Recently, Mr. Lipkin authorized the custodian for his and his wife's recently opened Roth 401K accounts to purchase in the open market Valley common shares as part of the assets in the account. As part of his financial planning, the reporting person developed a program to buy shares in the Roth 401(k) without increasing his and his wife's overall ownership of Valley common shares, and these personally held shares were sold to bring the level of overall ownership back closer to previous levels. All personal shares were sold at a price lower than any shares recently purchased in the Roth 401(k) accounts by either Mr. Lipkin or his wife to avoid a short swing profit issue
- (2) Holdings under the Valley 401K Plan has been updated to reflect reporting officer's balance in the Plan.

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