NIKOLAUS DONALD H

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NIKOLAUS DONALD H			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DONEGAL GROUP INC [DGICA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Choch an apphenere)			
1195 RIVER	ROAD, PO	BOX 302	(Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2011	_X_ Director 10% Owner Selection Other (specify below) President & CEO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
MARIETTA,	PA 17547		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - N	on-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Ac	equired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	ially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code		4. Securities Acquire on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common Stock (1)	12/22/2011		G	V	7,000	D	\$ 14.8	130,237.869	D	
Class A Common Stock (2)	12/22/2011		G	V	7,000	A	\$ 14.8	166,369	I	Family Foundation
Class A Common Stock								150,968.252	I	401(k) Plan
Class A Common								1,365.798	I	Spouse

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Stock			
Class B Common Stock	130,210.44	D	
Class B Common Stock	51,637.532	I	401(k) Plan
Class B Common Stock	589	I	Spouse
Class B Common Stock	3,938	I	Family Foundation

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title Amour Underl Securit (Instr.	nt of ying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secun Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NIKOLAUS DONALD H 1195 RIVER ROAD PO BOX 302 MARIETTA, PA 17547	X		President & CEO				

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Donald H. Nikolaus

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Gift to Nikolaus Family Foundation
- (2) Gift Received by Nikolaus Family Foundation

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