### NIKOLAUS DONALD H

Form 4

December 20, 2011

#### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading NIKOLAUS DONALD H Issuer Symbol DONEGAL GROUP INC [DGICA] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) \_X\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify 1195 RIVER RD, PO BOX 302 11/15/2011 below) President & CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MARIETTA, PA 17547 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - I	Non	-Derivative Se	curiti	es Acquire	d, 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. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securities on Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and Amount	(D)	red (A) or	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)
Class A Common Stock (1)	11/15/2011		J	V	388.758	A	\$ 14.279	149,731.773	I	401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock (1)	11/15/2011		J	V	1,236.479	A	\$ 14.494	150,968.252	I	401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock								137,238.202	D	
Class A Common								159,369	I	Family Foundation

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Stock			
Class A Common Stock	1,365.798	I	Spouse
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	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)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or		ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo
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				of (D)						(Instr
				(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
				4, and 3)						
								Amount		
					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of		
			Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Stock

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
	X		President & CEO					

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# **Signatures**

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) Dividend Reinvestment 401(k) Plan

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