FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  NIKOLAUS DONALD H						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  DONEGAL GROUP INC [ DGICA ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1520 QUARRY ROAD PO BOX 286					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/15/2003										X		er (give title	nt & CE	Other (specify below)	
(Street) SILVER SPRING PA 17575  (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										. Indiv ine) X	Form	al or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable orm filed by One Reporting Person orm filed by More than One Reporting erson				
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	Ben	eficia	ally (	Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day						Execution Date,			Transaction Disposed C			ies Acquired (A) o Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			and 5) Secu Bene Own		cially I Following	6. Owner Form: D (D) or Ir (I) (Insti	irect direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(	A) or D)	Price			ed ction(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 08/15/2						2003		A	V	299.751 A		A	\$16	.69	135,594.485		Γ	)		
	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. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	n Date,	Date, Transact Code (Ins				6. Date E Expiration (Month/I	on Dat	Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		str. 3			9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	n: ct (D) idirect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	or Nui of	ount mber ares						

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Dividend Reinvestment

Donald H. Nikolaus

09/09/2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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