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 and Ticker or Trading Symbol DONEGAL GROUP INC [ DGICA ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner						
(Last) 1195 RIV P.O. BOX	ER ROAD	(First) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/15/2012									X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  President & CEO					
(Street)  MARIET  (City)			L7547 Zip)		- 4. 11	Amen	dment,	Date	of Origi	inal Fi	led (Month/Da	y/Year)		Line	) <mark>X</mark> Forn	or Joint/Gro on filed by O on filed by M	ne Rep	orting Per	son	
		Tabl	e I - N	lon-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quire	ed, D	isposed o	f, or B	enefi	ciall	y Owne	ed				
Date			2. Transacti Date (Month/Day		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			Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Direct I ndirect I r. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Reported Transact (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Class A C	Common Sto	ock <sup>(1)</sup>		08/15/20	)12				J	V	391.383	A	\$14.	513	154,5	43.923	]		401(k) Plan	
Class A Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>				08/15/2012				J	V	1,298.562	A	\$14.	14.542 155		342.485			401(k) Plan		
Class A Common Stock															115,6	37.869	Ι	)		
Class A Common Stock															16,36	55.798	]	[ ]	Spouse	
Class A Common Stock															166	5,369	]		Family Foundation	
Class B Common Stock															130,2	210.44	Ι	)		
Class B Common Stock															51,637.532		]		401(k) Plan	
Class B Common Stock															5	89	]	[ :	Spouse	
Class B Common Stock									3,938		]		Family Foundation							
		Та	ıble II	- Derivat	ive S uts, c	ecuri	ities <i>i</i> warra	Acqı ants	uired, , opti	Dis ons,	posed of, o	or Ben le sec	eficia uritie	ally ( s)	Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Executar) if any	emed tion Date,	4. Transa Code 8)	action	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				rcisable and Date	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		8. De Se (II	Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly C	0. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect () (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	cisable	Expiration Date		Amoun or Numbe of Shares	er						

## **Explanation of Responses**

1. Dividend Reinvestment - 401(k) Plan

Donald H. Nikolaus

08/31/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

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