

NIKOLAUS DONALD H  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
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)  
1195 RIVER ROAD, PO BOX 302

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/17/2009

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

(Street)  
MARIETTA, PA 17547

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Class A Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	08/17/2009		J	V	353.09	A	\$ 14.625	135,216.9	I	401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	08/17/2009		J	V	1,022.2	A	\$ 14.872	136,239.1	I	401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock								128,263.202	D	
Class A Common								150,154	I	Family Foundation

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		3,938	I	Family Foundation
Class B Common Stock		589	I	Spouse

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
	X		President and CEO	

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## Signatures

Donald H. Nikolaus	09/18/2009
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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) Reinvestment of dividends on shares held in 401(k) account

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