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ISSUER

HARLEYSVILLE GROUP INC

CIK: 792013 | IRS No.: 510241172 | State of Incorporation: DE | Fiscal Year End: 1231
SIC: 6331 Fire, marine & casualty insurance

Mailing Address
355 MAPLE AVE
HARLEYSVILLE PA
19438-2297

Business Address
355 MAPLE AVE
HARLEYSVILLE PA
19438-2297
2152565000

REPORTING OWNER

Chandler Arthur E

CIK: 1321384
Type: 3 | Act: 34 | File No.: 000-14697 | Film No.: 05789576

Mailing Address
355 MAPLE AVENUE
HARLEYSVILLE PA 19438

Business Address
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
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Washington, D.C. 20549

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment
Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>Chandler Arthur E</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 355 MAPLE AVENUE (Street) HARLEYSVILLE, PA 19438 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/ Year) 04/27/2005 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HARLEYSVILLE GROUP INC [HGIC]</u> | | |
| | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Sr VP, CFO | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |
| | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Common Stock | 5,000 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/ Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|---|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| Stock Option - Right to Buy | (1) | 04/05/2015 | Common Stock | 12,205 | \$ 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The option vests in two equal annual installments beginning on April 5, 2005.

Signatures

/s/ Arthur E. Chandler

** Signature of Reporting Person

04/27/2005

Date

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

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