

SMITHART-OGLESBY DEBRA

Form 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SMITHART-OGLESBY DEBRA

(Last) (First) (Middle)

203 EAST MAIN STREET

(Street)

SPARTANBURG, SC 29319

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

DENNYS CORP [DENN]

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

05/16/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (D)                                                                  | Price                                                             |

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(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price<br>of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                          |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                          |                                                                |                                                                     |                                                                |

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| Derivative<br>Security    |     |            | Code | V | or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |     | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|---------------------------|-----|------------|------|---|--------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|                           |     |            |      |   | (A)                                              | (D) |                     |                    |                 |                                     |
| Deferred<br>Stock<br>Unit | (1) | 05/16/2012 | A    |   | 18,519                                           |     | (1)                 | (1)                | Common<br>Stock | 18,519                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                          | Relationships |              |         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|
|                                                                         | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer | Other |
| SMITHART-OGLESBY DEBRA<br>203 EAST MAIN STREET<br>SPARTANBURG, SC 29319 | X             |              |         |       |

## Signatures

J. Scott Melton for Debra  
Smithart-Oglesby

05/17/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## 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).

Deferred Stock Units, which were granted under the Denny's Corporation 2012 Omnibus Incentive Plan, vest 100% upon the first (1) anniversary of the date of grant, and are payable, on a "1-for-1" basis, in common stock of the Issuer upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director of Denny's Corporation.

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