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Patricia Tolbert, Nancy Sigelman, Mike and Carolyn Gallo and Lennox Tannis, from left, gather at the holiday party for SIDDSO clients at the Labetti American Legion Post in Rosebank.

SIDDSO clients honored

Holiday party at Legion post

ADVANCE STAFF REPORT

Adult clients of the Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Services Office (SIDDSO) were the guests of honor at a holiday dinner party last night at the Labetti American Legion Post, Rosebank.

Nearly 150 people — clients and their families who live in the 10 state-operated group homes on the grounds of SIDDSO — as well as staff members listened and danced to Christmas carols at the annual family-oriented event.

Festive Christmas decorations included tables decorated with festive red and green holiday balloons and even Santa Claus made a special appearance to distribute gifts to the clients and their families.

Robert Witkowsky, SIDDSO director, greeted the guests and client Carolyn Gallo, who attended the party with her father, Michael Gallo, was chosen to say grace before the group began dinner.