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## Malerbas honor their Wooster Street nonna in Anginette Wars

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Kathryn and Michele Malerba, mother-and-daughter team at the Anginette Wars in East Haven Thursday night May 2.

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EAST HAVEN — Michele and her daughter Kathryn Malerba were among the 35 bakers putting their own familial twist on the anginette, the traditional Italian cookie-biscuit crafted to pillowy-white hints of lemon, vanilla, and confectioners' icing, in the latest installment of the East Haven Rotary's Anginette Wars at East Haven High School on a recent Thursday night, May 2.

The Malerbas baked their cookie in honor of Katie Malerba (pictured in portrait on table), Kathryn's grandmother and Michele's mother-in-law, who lived on Wooster Street.

According to Michele, the recipe they used is on a yellowed scrap stained with Crisco handed down through the generations from nonnas to mamas to daughters and across the ocean to Katie Malerba.

"Katie's anginettes were something you always looked forward to and looked for at any family gathering or celebration," Michele said. "We're so happy to carry on this tradition."

Shelly Johnson of Branford, among the 600 who attended the event, stopped at the Malerba's table. "Very soft, moist, delicious," she said.

The winner for the best tasting cookie went to Anne Marie Cerreta of North Haven.

All the money raised went to the Ben Mazzucco Clothe the Children program.

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