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Diana Musara speaks at the event.

Sisterhood celebrates at high tea in Woodmead

The spirit of sisterhood, empowerment, and philanthropy was alive and flourishing at the Country Club Johannesburg (CCJ) Woodmead recently, as the Yes, We Can Businesswomen's Network, in proud collaboration with the Rotary Club of Morningside, hosted an elegant and heartfelt high tea event.

With the ballroom adorned in soft pinks, shimmering golds, and blooming floral centrepieces, over 100 radiant ladies arrived, dressed in graceful florals and soft linens, setting the tone for an afternoon of celebration, inspiration, and impact.

The high tea was created to honour women's month, share powerful wellness stories and experiences, and raise essential funds to support young girls through the donation of sanitary packs, a critical initiative benefitting students from Khensani's Collection.

Simon Chakumbu, president of the Rotary Club of Morningside, welcomed guests, highlighting the common interests of the two public benefit organisations in uplifting the lives of young people in the same neighbourhood in Diepsloot.

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interruption, a small act that makes a monumental difference in their futures."

Diana Musara, founder of the Yes, We Can Businesswomen's Network, lit up the stage with her infectious enthusiasm sharing how the proceeds from the event would be used. "Not only for sanitary packs, but also to support the building of the Earthly Touch Foundation's sustainable Eco Education Centre, constructed from eco-bricks."

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This Eco Education Centre, currently being built, will be a beacon of sustainable learning. It will house an early childhood development (ECD) nursery, extra lesson classrooms, and a vocational training hub, offering skills in sewing, catering, and carpentry.

It will sustain a green economy, as well as promote entrepreneurship skills, all designed to equip women and youth with practical tools for self-sufficiency and business leadership.

Once completed, the centre

will provide space for 100 ECD students, 100 learners receiving extra tuition, and 100 unemployed youth and women receiving vocational training. In addition, over 110 tons of plastic waste will be diverted from landfills thanks to the eco-brick construction. Six eco-toilets, generously donated by the Rotary Club of Morningside, will also ensure proper sanitation for the facility.

The audience was moved by the testimony of Safoura Radebe, the interact president at Khensani's Collection, and a current matriculant. She shared her inspiring journey, highlighting how the support she received changed her life, and how she now works to pay it forward to other students in Diepsloot.

A series of thought-provoking talks from Dr Patricia Okeyo, Vicky Keates, and Anthea Thyssen-Ambursley explored themes of wellness, balance, and self-care, reminding guests of the importance of nurturing oneself while uplifting others.

The atmosphere was further elevated by a beautiful violin performance from Shumirayi Musuza, a medical student and classically trained musician.

At the end of the event, over R20 000 had been raised, a shining testament to the power of community, compassion, and collaboration.