70% of all communities fail. Mine don't.

Here's the exact framework I use to build them.



Start with careful participant selection

- Don't chase scale. Chase alignment.
- One unengaged member can kill the energy.





Define your unique connection

- "Professional women" isn't enough.
- "Women navigating male-dominated cultures" resonates.





Build structure that removes social anxiety

- Assign teams and/or a seating chart before people arrive.
- Create agendas for every interaction.
- Remove the guesswork from "how do I fit in?"



Introverts shouldn't have to act like extroverts to belong.



Set clear intention (and enforce it)

- No sales pitches allowed.
- No toxic positivity or negativity.
- Vulnerability is rewarded, not punished.





Create rituals that build excitement

- Annual moments that people protect on their calendars.
- Exclusive access that feels special, not business-like.
- Traditions that members look forward to all year.



When people guard your event dates before you announce them, you've won.



That's not networking.

That's belonging.



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