



Janet Kriseman was born in Cape Town, and matriculated at Herzlia High School in 1977. She went to the USA to study, and received a BA Honours degree in Political Philosophy from Brown University and a Law degree from New York University.

After working in corporate finance law in New York, specializing in mergers and acquisitions during the go-go 80s, a very exciting if exhausting time to practice finance law, she moved to Toronto to marry Gary Kantor, an ex-Zimbabwean in 1991. Unable to practice US law in Canada, she became a marketing associate for a food marketing company, worked in healthcare services and then as a medical conference organizer after the family moved to Cleveland Ohio where Gary worked as an anesthesiologist and her two daughters, Miranda and Tamsin were born.

Both daughters are now studying law in the United States despite her best efforts to dissuade them. After returning to South Africa in 2005, she worked at the NGO Men on the Side of the Road before joining a family owned property management company.

Both daughters were involved in Interact at Herzlia High School, each serving as President of the Herzlia club in their respective matric years. You may see if you drive along High Level Road a beautiful mural painted on the wall outside Sea Point Primary School designed by Lorenzo Massimbeni, which was a joint project organised by her younger daughter Tamsin for the Herzlia, Camps Bay and Sea Point Interact clubs.

Janet was invited to attend meetings at Sea Point Rotary by Linda Kantor, Gary's aunt, but after meeting Denis Figov at a Rotary Family Day held at the Blue Train, he persuaded her to join Waterfront RC instead, where she has been a member since 2014.