This newsletter is dedicated to Dr. Jolan E. Walter, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine, and Division Director, Pediatric Allergy and Immunology.
My birthday party during the COVID-19 pandemic: thank you lab family!

L to R: Dr. Jolan Walter, Dr. Krisztian Csomos with his baby, Boglarka Ujhazi (his wife), Maryssa Ellison, Dr. Panida Sriaroon, Sumai Gorgon, Dr. Joseph Dasso, Khoi Bui and Dr. Timothy

Otto, Zsofia, Agoston and Anna - we are always ready for some biking fun!
I have been serving as Division Chief of the USF/Johns Hopkins All Children’s Pediatric Allergy & Immunology program, and the Robert A. Good Endowed Chair in the USF Division of Pediatric Allergy & Immunology. I am grateful for the personal kindness and professional support from many of my colleagues in Florida. Although I remain closely connected to my prior home institution of Massachusetts General Hospital for Children and the Harvard community, I am excited to be the part of my new work family at University of South Florida and Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital.

Our family is originally from Hungary. My husband, Otto Walter, who is a partner at Ruffolo-Hooper Pathologist Group and our three children, Agoston (23), Zsofia (20) and Anna (13) greatly enjoy the outdoors and urban setting of the Tampa Bay Area in Florida, all year around. I am always glad when we have joint activities with our trainees and team members, such as canoeing, paddle boarding, biking or yoga. These are all very memorable times.

The mission of my clinical and research team is advocacy and translational studies for inborn errors of immunity, immune dysregulation, especially in combined immunodeficiencies, such as partial defects in RAG, CTLA4, PI3K and WHIM syndrome, among many. We are glad to collaborate with members of the Medicine and Pediatric Allergy Immunology Divisions in laboratory work and I lead the Jeffrey Modell Diagnostic and Research Center to promote such activities. I am excited to be connected to the USF-AI alumni community, both in pediatrics and medicine and to learn about the history of our divisions and the achievements of our alumni. Education, Clinical Care and Research are all dear to my heart and I advocate for this on local, national and international levels at the AAAAI (JACI-IP Editor), CIS, PIDTC, NICER, ESID/IEWP, LASID among many.

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Dr. Jolan E. Walter, MD, PhD, is an integral part of the Pediatric and Internal Medicine Divisions of Allergy and Immunology. We appreciate the wonderful work she does and it is always a pleasure to work with her.

With warm regards,

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