

BIG CANOE/NORTH GEORGIA FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB held an Open World (now COIL) reunion Zoom meeting with the Republic of Georgia on June 10, 2021, at 11:00 AM.

The Reunion was with the Republic of Georgia delegates who travelled to Big Canoe in April of 2016 and were hosted by our Friendship Force members.

Christopher Anderson, Cultural Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in the Republic of Georgia made formal opening remarks.

Britton Holmes, Regional Support Manager for Friendship Force International also welcomed the group and thanked all who made this happen.

Sherry and Bob and Barry and Linda spoke briefly of our visit to the Republic of Georgia in 2018, and our greater sensitivity for what is happening there. Sherry mentioned we have been following these young people on Facebook and keeping up with their activities and career progressions.

Rima Garibyan, Eka Gvalia, Nino Tlashadze, Archili Todua, Etuna Tsotniashvili, Lana Chkartishvili, Maya Kobalia, Kate Chachava, Shota Buchukuri, Nini Panjikidze updated us on their current lives and work.

They and their Big Canoe hosts reminisced about their Open World experiences here with us.

The reunion was adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Diane Briscoe, Secretary