

Join us for our first quarterly Chamber meeting of 2026 at BD Kings Lanes on Thursday, April 23. Come early for a meet and greet with a taco bar at 5:30 PM, then stay for the meeting from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Connect with local business owners, hear practical updates for area businesses, and catch a presentation from Kecia Beranek of the South Dakota Retailers Association on tools, resources, and support available to businesses and communities.

# 1st Quarter Meeting 2026

Guest Speaker  
**Kecia Beranek**

**BD Kings Lanes**  
(Location)

**April 23**  
Taco Bar 5:30 PM  
Meeting 6:00 - 7:00 PM

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Dear Chamber Supporters and Members,

As we close out the first quarter of 2026, we wanted to share a few Chamber updates and a look at what has been happening behind the scenes.

For the Arlington Area Chamber, 2025 was very much a transition year. While continuing to organize and support key tourism events, a great deal of time also went into finishing projects, updating records, and taking care of important work that had been left open for quite some time. Over the course of the year, the Chamber brought several of those items across the finish line, including finalizing the mural and agreement, raffling off the shed, addressing billboard issues, and launching both the Chamber website and membership directory. The Chamber also helped deliver a record setting Arlington Days and an improved Christmas in Arlington, continuing to build momentum in the community while also handling a significant amount of behind the scenes work. Together, that work helped put the Chamber on firmer footing heading into 2026.

One highlight of the quarter was our Annual Awards and Membership Appreciation Banquet on January 19, where we had the opportunity to recognize people and businesses who help make our region stronger. Based on community nominations, The Cardinal Tap was named Business of the Year, Martin Murphy received the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Pastor Robbie McClelland was named Person of the Year for 2025. More about each honoree and their nominations can be found on the Chamber's Facebook.

We are also glad to welcome Preston Singrey to the Chamber board for 2026 as our new Secretary. Preston has already been a familiar face in Chamber and community efforts, operates Singrey Poultry, and is currently pursuing a business degree.

As 2026 moves ahead, the Chamber is focusing on practical efforts that support local businesses and highlight all that our region has to offer. One example is our new quarterly meeting format, built around useful business topics and hosted at Chamber businesses. The first meeting will be Thursday, April 23, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at BD Kings Lanes, with a taco bar and guest speaker **Kecia Beranek** of the **South Dakota Retailers Association**. More details are available on the Chamber calendar at our website.

With many of the major transition-year projects now completed, the Chamber is able to devote more attention to promotion and outreach. A radio campaign is beginning, and we are also producing a printed business directory featuring Chamber members and their services. That directory will be mailed to area households and included in gift baskets for new residents.

Planning is also underway for Arlington Days. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to watch the Chamber website and social media for committee meeting information. The basic timeline and this year's theme, America 250, are already live at [ArlingtonDays.com](http://ArlingtonDays.com).

Thank you for your continued support of the Chamber and the community. We are grateful for the businesses, volunteers, and community members who continue to invest their time, energy, and support into making our region a great place to live, work, and do business.

Chris Hussak  
President, Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce

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# Chamber Chatter

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## CHAMBER MEMBER BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT HIGHLIGHT

### ARLINGTON LAUNDROMAT

Arlington Laundromat came about in a practical way that will sound familiar to a lot of people around here. After 40 years on the farm, Marjorie and Dick Kleinjan moved to Arlington and were looking for both a place to live and a place for Dick's insurance office. Buying the building solved both needs, and as Marjorie put it, "The laundromat was an added bonus of buying the building."

She started the business in 1997, and over the years it has stayed focused on doing an everyday service well. Today, Arlington Laundromat has eight washers and eight dryers, including three front-load washers and five top-load washers. Marjorie said six washers and six dryers have been replaced with new or nearly new machines over time, keeping the facility updated and working well for customers.

In addition to self-service laundry, she keeps quarters and soap on hand, offers wash, dry, and fold service for those who do not have time to do their own laundry, and also does mending. It is a simple, useful mix of services that fits what people need.

What makes Arlington Laundromat especially notable is its location. Marjorie said it is "the only laundromat between Brookings & DeSmet & Watertown & Madison," which gives it a role that reaches well beyond just one neighborhood.

When people stop in, her goal is straightforward: "A comfortable place to do their laundry." She keeps that standard by making sure it is "a clean & well serviced facility." That kind of consistency matters in a business people count on week after week.

Like many small business owners, Marjorie has seen her share of everyday challenges. The biggest one, she said, is "People that over-load machines & then wonder why their clothes didn't get clean or they take so long to dry." Still, the part she enjoys most has stayed the same. "The people I get to meet" has been the most rewarding part of running the business.

Marjorie also gives plenty of her time to the community. She is a member of the Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce and helps with Chamber projects, especially during the Christmas season as Mrs. Claus, and she also helps with the live Christmas Nativity pageant.

Asked what advice she would give a new business owner, her answer was direct and practical: "Keep regular & reasonable business hours." People can learn more about Arlington Laundromat through the Arlington Chamber website and Facebook.

**Want the full story? This is just the highlight—read the complete Chamber Spotlight at: [ArlingtonChamberSD.com/spotlight](https://ArlingtonChamberSD.com/spotlight)**

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