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#### **SHOE INTERNATIONAL**

Pictured on the right is Sunci and on the left is Fab.



**Founders Sunci and Fab** 

## **Sunci and Fab's Favorite Sites**

- The Unofficial Swiss **BOUND Page**
- Spamcop.net
- PHP Hypertext Preprocessor
- mtnsms.com Short Message Service
- Live365.com

#### **Past Featured Sites**

• ideacafe.com

# Describe your site. Who is it for?

SHOE INTERNATIONAL - where the lesbians no longer burn their bras, but wear their Wonderbras with Pride;-) SHOE is for all women, though the main focus is towards lesbians. The idea is to connect women from all over the world. Making it easier to meet new friends - in reality or cyberspace. Whether you are looking for someone to go to the movies with or maybe you have just moved to a different city not knowing anyone - with www.shoe.org you will no longer be alone. Here you can send emails over the mailinglists, chat, leave messages on the messageboard or even send an Instant Message to

- techmommy.com
- iEmily.com
- MomMD.com
- Estrogen Music
- Senior Spirit
- Enabling Garden Bookshelf
- Jooly's Joint
- Contentious
- <u>Celebration of Women</u>
   Writers
- Notable Women
  Ancestors
- Early Women Masters
- Women's Internet Information Network
- Women's Voting Guide
- Model Horse Web
- National Partnership for Women & Families
- SherryArt
   Oldest Woman on the
   Web
- Amara's RSI page
- women2women
- Sports For Women
- Home-Based Working Moms
- gURL
- The Yeast Infection Homepage
- Xander Mellish: Short Stories & Cartoons

#### Submit a site:

<u>Femina Featured Woman's</u> Site the people who are online right now. We also want to bring the message across, that being a lesbian is fun, cool and something to be really proud of:-)

# How did you come up with the idea for your site?

We met over the internet (of course \*g\*) in 1997. Before that, we both had trouble finding our way into the lesbian community. We felt that, everybody already knew each other. We would walk past bars and not dare go in like so many lesbians out there. And since it was so easy to get to know each other over the internet, we decided we wanted to offer something to lesbians to make it easier for them too, to get to know other women. So on the very first evening we met in reality, the idea for SHOE was born and 2 weeks later it went online. First it was just a local mailinglist but it grew pretty fast, soon even people from other countries subscribed to the mailinglist. In March 1999 SHOE became international.

### When did you first go online?

Sunci: The first time I went online was beginning of 1996. I went to an internet cafe to look up a site a friend of mine had done. I was immediately hooked. About 6 months later I started to work in an internet cafe. This meant non-stop surfing and learning.

Fab: I first went online in the States in the summer of 1995 where someone was looking up some clubs and bars in Hawaii for me. But to be honest, I didn't really have a clue what the internet was. It wasn't until 1996 when I started using it at work.

# What would you tell other women and girls who are interested in going or publishing online?

JUST DO IT! The internet is a place where women have the same chances as men. So, take it - do it. It can be very (!) time consuming but the rewards all well worth it. Take some classes, learn how to do it, start perfecting it and be proud of yourself:-)

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